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HILTON FIRE KILLS EIGHT: Fire broke out in the 30-story Las Vegas Hilton Hotel Tuesday in which eight persons lost their lives. Picture (left) shows an injured fireman being loaded into an ambulance after being overcome by smoke. Picture in center shows the trapped guests peer helplessly from a broken window as the firemen (at right), spray water into the flames racing through the hotel building.

8 die, 242 hurt in mystery U.S. hotel fire

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Feb. 11 (AP) — One fast-moving fire and three smaller blazes, all of "suspicious origin," engulfed the Las Vegas Hilton in smoke as flames shot up the side of the 30-story building. Eight persons were killed and at least 242 were injured, officials said. Clark County Fire Chief Roy Parrish said authorities were questioning two men in connection with the blaze Tuesday night, which came less than three months after the fire at the nearby MGM Grand Hotel, where 84 persons died and more than 700 were injured. Hundreds of guests fled the 2,783-room stone-fronted building, billed as the largest hotel in the United States and the second largest in the world some scrambling to the rooftop, where helicopters blucked them to safety. Others screamed for rescue from broken windows or lowered themselves by bed-sheets, while others jammed stairways to the ground floor. A wall of fire shot 100 feet (30m) up the east tower of the hotel, and flames quickly leapt window-to-window from the eighth floor to the building, spewing smoke over the nearby Las Vegas strip, Parrish said. "When we got outside, there were flames shooting up the side of the hotel. It looked like the 'Towering Inferno,'" said Hank Arkin, a guest from New York. Some 450 firefighters battled the fire. Room-by-room searches were being conducted early Wednesday for possible victims. One of the victims died in a fall onto an outside deck and the others succumbed to smoke inhalation, Parrish said. The bodies of three men were found up in the eighth floor elevator lobby, those of an elderly couple in their bathroom on the 10th floor. A woman died in her 20th floor room, and a man found alive in his room died moments after firefighters arrived. Asked how he felt in the aftermath of a second hotel-fire tragedy, Parrish, red-eyed and weary, shook his head and replied, "sick." The first fire was brought under control shortly after 9 p.m. and the other three were extinguished later. The huge, glittering Hilton sign remained on during the blaze. Barron Hilton, chairman of the board of the Hilton Hotel Corp. in Beverly Hills, California, expressed profound shock and sorrow over the deaths and injuries. "If as Parrish suggested the fire was deliberately set, the entire resources of the Hilton Hotel Corporation will be committed to bring the person or people responsible for this tragedy to justice," he said.

Clergy chided by Khomeini

Iran's financial position very bad, says Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Iranian leader Khomeini told Muslim clergy Wednesday to stay out of affairs of state while President Abulhasan Bani-Sadr told the nation that the financial situation in the country was very bad. The two leaders were speaking on the second anniversary of the revolution which toppled the Shah and ushered in the Islamic Republic, as reports spoke of a renewed Iraqi offensive into Iran's western oil province. In a message marking the anniversary, Khomeini said "interference by the clergy in the executive affairs of the country was not legitimate and must be avoided." It was read out by his son Ahmad to a crowd estimated at 250,000 in the city's Azadi Square. "This is a serious warning to these clergymen who are serving in courts, committees, and other organs that they should by no means interfere in areas outside their competence," he warned. The message made a fresh appeal for unity in a country where the cohesion of two years ago has given way to divisive political feuds. Disputes on a growing number of issues are pitting President Bani-Sadr, a moderate in the Iranian political context, against those loyal to the Islamic Republican Party. Khomeini attacked both the United States and "international Communism" but did not mention the Soviet Union by name. Both superpowers, he said, were involved in plots to subjugate the poor countries of the world. Bani-Sadr said the country had lost \$6 billion as a result of the U.S. economic embargo and the war with Iraq. He revealed that Iraqi warplanes were reported attacking the oil pipeline city of Genaveh and the Gulf naval base of Nushehr. "Our foreign currency reserves have decreased a great deal," he said. "Current reserves exceed \$4 billion. They were \$10 billion at the end of the year," he said. Bani-Sadr spoke at a rally of thousands marking the second anniversary of the Islamic republic at "freedom Square." Bani-Sadr has held up appointment of a foreign minister by refusing to approve the nominations of Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, whom Bani-Sadr calls "incompetent." The president, symbolic leader of Iran's pragmatic secular-minded factions, is struggling for power with Rajai, who has the powerful, well-organized Islamic clergy behind him. Without the right policies, Bani-Sadr was quoted as saying, Iran's enemies could isolate "our revolution and enable the superpowers to step up their plots." Bani-Sadr also called for judicial and moral security, saying: "They can still burn books in the streets, they can still attack dormitories, they can still close schools, contrary to lawful principles, they can still assassinate people in the streets. As the Imam (Khomeini) said three days ago, the country cannot overcome its problems with these incidents going on."

Iraqis attack pipeline port

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (AP) — Iran said Wednesday Iraqi warplanes raided its oil pipeline port of Genaveh and the Gulf naval base of Bushehr and military communiques reported hundreds of deaths in the embattled highlands of Iran's war-conquered western border. Reports in the Lebanese press said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein ordered a major offensive into Iran's western Ilam province as Khomeini's revolution celebrated the second anniversary of the downfall of the Shah. Iran's official Pars News Agency said U.S.-made Phantom jets of the Iranian air force drove away the raiding Soviet-made Iraqi MIG's from Genaveh and Bushehr. Genaveh's pipeline moves crude from Iran's southern oilfields to the offshore loading terminal of Kharg. Both vital oil sites are guarded by warships and jets from the Bushehr base, 64 kms of the south. Pars had no report of damage.

Syria-Jordan tension

Ambassadors recalled

AMMAN, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Jordan's ambassador to Syria returned to Amman after the sharp deterioration in relations between the two neighboring Arab states triggered by the gunpoint abduction of Jordan's charge d'affaires Hisham Mohaisen in Lebanon, officials said Wednesday. Ambassador Hussein Hamami arrived with his family in Amman Tuesday. Syria's ambassador Abdul-Karim Sabah is due to leave Jordan or Syria Thursday, official sources here reported. Observers said the apparent recall of ambassadors may be the first step toward a total break of diplomatic relations between the two countries if 42-year-old Mohaisen is not released safely. A telephone caller claiming to represent the "Eagles of the Revolution," a pro-Syrian group, told the privately-owned "Voice of Lebanon" radio station in Beirut that the diplomat was executed at 1500 GMT Monday. The claim could not be confirmed. Official spokesmen for the "Eagles" group in Beirut and Damascus strongly denied any involvement in the abduction. Syria denied Jordan's official claims that the Syrian secret service staged the abduction. There was still no word Wednesday on the fate of Mohaisen and security sources said hopes of finding him alive were fading. Informed sources in Amman told Reuter a group of about a dozen men, led by a Syrian army colonel, had been detained a few days before the diplomat was kidnapped. Arab diplomatic sources in Beirut said the conflict had reached its most critical level since both sides massed troops along their common border last November. They said Jordan's withdrawal from the joint border post, which continued to function during last year's confrontation, marked a serious worsening of the dispute. The sources said that closure of the border was unlikely, in view of the economic importance of passing transit trade. The crossing point carries the main highway linking land routes to Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states with Mediterranean ports in Syria and

Nonaligned ministers say

Avoid war, help peace

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11 (R) — The non-aligned foreign ministers conference appealed Wednesday to all nations to work earnestly to avoid war and consolidate international peace and security. The New Delhi appeal was made at ceremonies marking the 20th anniversary of the 96-member non-aligned movement. U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim attended the ceremonies and announced that he had designated one of his deputies, U.N. Undersecretary Javier Perez de Cellerar, to facilitate negotiations on Afghanistan. Waldheim earlier met Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi and his Afghan counterpart Shah Muhammad Dost as part of his efforts to get negotiations underway on the Afghan problem. Conference sources said a consensus was expected to be reached on a final declaration calling for withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan, but there were still difficulties over reaching a similar formula on Kampuchea. The foreign ministers deplored "the tremendous pressures being exerted on the movement of non-aligned countries in a variety of ways to undermine its unity and solidarity that are its strength." They also criticized "some developed countries" whose policies of defending vested interests and positions of privilege had frustrated developing countries' efforts to establish the new international economic order and launch a new round of global negotiations. Waldheim added that the support and encouragement of the movement would be important for resolving the Afghan issue. Any solution "must ensure that the Afghan people will be able to determine their own destiny free from foreign intervention and interference," he said. "The support of the nonaligned movement will be an important factor in reconciling national interests involved and in satisfying relevant security interests so that the suffering of the people of Afghanistan can come to an end," he added. Waldheim said the Kampuchean problem had led to a precarious situation in Southeast Asia and little progress had been made toward a settlement. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) called for a "combination of forces" to persuade Iran and Iraq to end their war. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO political department, said: "There is only one party that can benefit from this war and that is the imperialist Zionist enemy (Israel). All of us, including the two warring parties, are the losers." Kaddoumi charged Egypt with giving up its "historical role" of fighting racialism and Zionism and described Egypt's signing of the Camp David agreement with Israel as "a comedy."

Sadat's statement irks Israel

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (R) — Israel Wednesday criticized Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's endorsement Tuesday of a European Middle East peace initiative. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said a European initiative based on the Common Market's Venice declaration of last year contradicted the Camp David peace process, which President Sadat told the European parliament in Luxembourg Egypt was determined to pursue. "The Venice declaration calls for the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the negotiations and efforts toward the establishment of a Palestinian state. This deviates completely from the PLO flag in Knesset. TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (AFP) — The Palestinian flag made an unexpected appearance in the Israeli Knesset Wednesday. Yuri Avneri of the left wing Shelli party brandished the white, black, red and green flag alongside the Israeli and white banner and said "these two flags alongside each other are the key to peace in the Middle East."

Thatcher to visit Riyadh

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will make the first official visit by a British premier to Saudi Arabia at Easter, it was announced from 10 Downing St. Wednesday. Thatcher will also visit Oman and the United Arab Emirates, from April 19-24, on her way back from a five-day trip to India. Sadat Wednesday held talks with Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Klauuw who, as the current President of the EEC council of ministers, will set off soon on a new mission to the Middle East to explore what form an EEC peace initiative could take. "Europe must take its share of responsibility for peace in our area," Sadat said later.

Balloonists shun Iran

LUXOR, Egypt, Feb. 11 (AP) — Winds blowing straight toward Tehran caused two American adventurers Tuesday to postpone again their attempt to ride a balloon around the world. Maxie L. Anderson and Donald H. Ida, who have been threatened with being shot down as hostile aircraft if they venture into Iranian air space, said they hoped by Friday or Saturday the winds will have shifted to carry them south of Iran. The threat from Iran was contained in response to a U.S. State Department request, relayed by Algeria, asking for safe conduct across Iran if the helium-filled Jules Verne should be carried off course there. Anderson told AP that he could not recall the exact wording of the response, but that he was surprised by how quickly it came back. "They didn't say, 'no' he said, recalling the gist of the message. "They said, hell no. We'll shoot you down and the mule you came on."



DELAYED: American balloonist Maxie Anderson near the gondola of his balloon in which he hopes to go round the world starting from Luxor, upper Egypt across Iran.

U.S. 'looks for' new M.E. move

WASHINGTON Bureau WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 — Two State Department officials have told Arab News that the best bet for the Palestinians to influence the U.S. now is through the European countries and their Middle East initiative. The new administration is more likely to listen to the West European allies and take their opinion into consideration in solving the Palestinian problem, these officials added. These sources noted that since the Reagan administration took over, there has been an attempt to find "a new initiative" to solve the Israeli-Arab conflict. The new administration has been trying to find a "peace formula" that would be acceptable to the West European allies as well as the U.S. American sources said. Last September, a senior Egyptian diplomat, who was in New York to attend the U.N. General Assembly meeting, told Arab News "We (Egyptians) are working hard with the Europeans to find a solution to the Palestinian problem. We know that the Camp David accords are not going to solve this problem." American officials are following the progress of this so-called "new peace initiative" hoping to get on the right track before any decisions are taken. The Arabs have to face any new initiative with a unified strategy and a unified decision, according to Arab diplomats in Washington.

Neutron controversy

Prince Philip breaks tradition

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Remarks by Prince Philip that only the existence of nuclear weapons had prevented World War III brought angry condemnation from the international committee of the opposition Labor Party Tuesday night. In a House of Commons motion the nine-member committee criticized the husband of Queen Elizabeth II for making himself "the mouthpiece of a bellicose, reactionary government." The motion also accused the prince of breaking the long-established tradition that the royal family keeps out of political controversy. The Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is committed to maintaining Britain's nuclear deterrent. The Labor Party is pledged to unilateral nuclear disarmament for Britain when next in power. Prince Philip made the remarks while delivering the Moutbatten memorial lecture at Cambridge University Monday night. The lecture is in memory of his uncle Earl Mountbatten who was assassinated by the Irish Republican Army Aug. 27, 1979. The motion, sponsored by anti-monarchist Labor legislator William Hamilton, said Philip's views were ironical because they conflicted with those of his uncle. Mountbatten, former chief of the British defense staff, had strong reservations about nuclear weapons. He once stated: "their existence only adds to our perils because of the illusions which they have generated." Philip, a World War II lieutenant in the Royal Navy, used a side door to dodge about 30 anti-nuclear demonstrators waiting Monday night, outside the crowded debating hall of the Cambridge Union Society.

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Concerning foreign recruitment

Labor violations investigated

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — Hundreds of companies are being investigated for violations of the rules concerning recruitment of foreign labor and other personnel. Fifteen companies will be banned from applying for visas and 500 are under close surveillance.

Speaking to *Al-Jazira* Wednesday, Deputy Interior Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji said last year several companies were forbidden to hire foreign labor abroad because of gross violations of the law. Many others, considered incompetent to hire workers, have submitted doubtful information including municipal building permits. "We are checking to see if they are really genuine applicants," he said.

Dr. Awaji said the recruitment of foreign women domestics has become a phenomenon since even those who did not want or care to hire them were now eager to appear as if they reached a certain social status requiring foreign domestic help. "The change that has occurred over the last three to five years is truly surprising," he said. The majority of homes which had not hired help are applying and insisting on doing so now. "This has become a social exhibitionist tradition which



Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji

I believe is immature because it has an element of showmanship rather than a real need for home help," he said.

Dr. Awaji cited the example of an applicant who wanted visas for a married couple although his own salary did not exceed SR2,500 a month. "Besides," he said, "There are many negative factors in this tendency, both on the family and the upbringing of the young," he added.

He said the ministry is studying carefully this new phenomenon which is the result of the economic prosperity of the country. It is a dangerous development which could lead to a "lazy, velvety" society, he said. He appealed to the press and writers to highlight the problem not only once, but continuously and from various angles. The recruitment office of the ministry will be pleased to offer any assistance in this connection, he said.

Dr. Awaji said the ministry originally had preferred to restrict the recruitment of domestic help to Muslim women from Islamic countries since these women are live-in personnel and their religious affinity with the employers can mitigate the negative aspects of hiring foreign women.

Asked about the right of expatriates to accompany or to call their families to the Kingdom Dr. Awaji said the ministry had made a careful study of the various categories of expatriates before deciding which ones can do so. Only those with the proper qualifications who are needed for development purposes were exempted from the ban, he said, provided they also had the right income and accommodation. It is not true that anybody

working here can get permission to bring his wife here. There are rules and regulations governing such requests.

He made it clear, in view of some misunderstandings, that the rules did not state that anyone who has been here five years can now obtain residence visas for their wives, but that only those who had already been in the country at the time the rules were announced last year may be allowed to keep their wives here. "This was made clear from the start but a lot of people did not interpret it correctly," he said. These rules apply to foreigners outside the categories specified which include university professors, teachers at all levels, doctors, pharmacists, veterinary surgeons, engineers, including chemists, farming and insecticide specialists, weapons and ammunition specialists who are qualified graduates of universities and educational institutions specializing in these fields, managers of companies and enterprises of no fewer than 100 employees on the basis of evidence issued by the General Organization of Social Insurance or a bank certificate provided that they deal with no less than SR1 million a year or have a capital of no less than SR1 million.

The second category includes university-qualified chartered accounts and legal consultants, X-ray assistant technicians, laboratory assistants, trained nurses, surveyors, draughtsmen. All of them should fulfill certain conditions which include a residence of no less than one year, have an income of not less than SR4,000 a month, should be working in their original area of specialization and continue to do so.

Awaji said the ministry was in touch with the commerce ministry about the bonafides of holders of commercial registers who may not be quite competent to do the work they claim in their applications — not to mention hiring foreign workers. The commerce ministry is carrying out a survey of the registers to sort out the genuine ones from the others, since they also have an effect on recruitment once the applicant has a commercial register in his pocket. "It is difficult for the recruitment office to refuse applicants who have been registered," Awaji said. He hoped that the commerce ministry will speed up the process.

During joint commission talks

British optimistic on bilateral relations

By Anne Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON, Feb. 11 — Meetings of the Saudi-British Joint Commission are being held in London this week amidst optimism on both sides that a new period of bilateral cooperation is approaching.

The size of the Saudi Arabian delegation — there are 33 members in all — is regarded on the British side as a cause for optimism. Led by Sheikh Abdullah Ali Reza, Saudi Arabian deputy minister for foreign, economic and cultural affairs, it is the largest Saudi Arabian delegation ever to visit Britain.

The delegation includes the deputy minister for municipalities and rural affairs, Dr. Suliman Al-Handan; Saudi Government Railroads Organization vice president, Abdul Mohsin Al-Bashawri; director general of the Ministry of Planning, Ahmad Al Mu'ji; Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Sheikh Nasser Al Mangour; and representatives from the Ministries of Health and Education, Foreign Affairs, Communications and Economic Coordination.

Sheikh Ali Reza will meet Douglas Hurd, minister of state at the Foreign Office and Sir Peter Carey, permanent secretary in the

Safety measures taken for grain

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water in Saudi Arabia has taken special measures to protect livestock after it was noticed that many heads were affected by the intake of fertilized grain, *Al-Medina* reported Wednesday.

The consumer protection department of the Commerce Ministry was asked by the Agriculture Ministry Tuesday to see to it that importers, wholesalers and retailers stored the grain treated with urea fertilizers in a separate place from the storehouses containing animal feed. The former is usually used only as seeds and not intended for animals.



Sheikh Abdullah Ali Reza

Department of Industry, for private talks. Four hundred representatives of British private sector industry are due to meet the delegation at a half-day seminar organized by the Confederation for British Industry (CBI), and a banquet in honor of the delegation will be hosted by trade minister Cecil Parkinson at Lancaster House.

Lavish arrangements are just one indication of the British government's determination to restore goodwill between the two countries. Following the cooling of relations last year over the "Death of a Princess" television film, the conservative government has made no secret of its willingness to restore friendly relations.

Despite the cool relations, British exports to Saudi Arabia did increase last year to 1.05 billion pounds from 894 million pounds in 1979. Nevertheless, the trade gap widened as British imports rose to 1.9 billion pounds from 1.1 billion pounds.

Earlier this week a CBI delegate reported that the annual joint commission meeting was so far "as useful as ever." Outstanding issues governing existing and expected trade were being aired on both sides. A Saudi request for technology transfer had met with an interested and cooperative British response, but the British were reported to be sticking firm to their stated price.

When the five days of joint commission meetings ended on Friday, Feb. 9, there was likely to have been much discussion of joint ventures, both old and new. Relations between the two countries may well be improved further if rumors that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is to announce a visit to Saudi Arabia in the near future are confirmed.

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Trainees receive pilot's degrees

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — The King Faisal Air Academy celebrated the graduation of its 19th class of pilots Wednesday. The ceremony was attended by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman ibn Abdul Aziz.

The governor was received upon arrival by Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad, armed forces chief of staff; Gen. Muhammad Sabri, commander of air force; Brig. Sadeq Ismail Jawhari, King Faisal Air Academy commander; and other senior officers. Prince Salman inspected the guard of honor in the company of the academy's commander.

Speaking on the occasion, Brig. Jawhari said the academy has worked on attaining scientific progress and modern technology since the late King Faisal laid its foundation stone. The air academy's keen to accompany the social development according to the requirements of the Armed Forces and keep in pace with the comprehensive



development of the Kingdom and safeguard the achievements, he added.

In training, the academy has achieved a standard of air academics in advanced countries. King Faisal Air Academy has surpassed similar institutes in theoretical and technical sciences, the commander said. He stressed the academy officials' keen interest to attain the latest technology, science, systems, administration and advanced education.

The graduates included officers from Bahrain and North Yemen. Prince Salman handed certificates to the graduates. Sheikh Osman Al-Humaid, assistant minister of defense and aviation, who attended the ceremony, said it increases pride that the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces is complete in all aspects, especially in training which uses sophisticated weaponry at a time when "we are in great need for development and knowledge."

Chinese to present wide-ranging cultural exhibition

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 (CNA) — A colorful 10-day Chinese Festival will open Feb. 17 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Riyadh, featuring various aspects of the world's oldest continuous civilization.

The Republic of China's Food and Cultural Festival, the first of its kind to be held in the Kingdom, is jointly sponsored by the Chinese Embassy here and Intercontinental Hotel with the participation of several Chinese firms, including SINOTECH Engineering Consultant Co. RET/SER Engineering Agency, BES Engineering Corp. China Airlines, and the Shangri La Restaurant.

A major feature of the festival will be an exhibition of art objects, Chinese opera masks, Chinese traditional music instruments, puppets and dolls in traditional Chinese costumes, postage stamps, and posters which is to present a comprehensive view of both ancient and modern China.

Sultan thanks Saudia staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — Prince Sultan, defense and aviation minister, sent a cable of thanks to Saudia General Manager Captain Ahmad Maqar and all the airline company's staff for the excellent service during the third Islamic summit in Taif last month.

In another development, Saudia will start a new practice this month. The airline will pay half a month to a full one-month salary to all its staff no matter what nationality, as an incentive for better performance. The bonus will be paid only to those who have completed five to ten years in the company. The former will receive half a month and the latter a full month's salary. The staff will also receive an annual bonus reaching as high as ten per cent of the employee's one year salary. They also receive a special bonus for every year they successfully complete in their academic studies. In addition to free tickets every year, the staff also receives a two-month housing allowance.

Tihama to publish five-year plan report

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — A summary of the Third Five-Year Development Plan in Arabic and English will be published by Tihama soon, it was announced Wednesday.

The books will contain a review of the first two plans and a detailed summary of the current one complete with an appendix. The contents have been checked and approved by the planning ministry for publication. Shortly after the Arabic edition is published, an English one will be put on the market, Tihama said.

100 pieces of his works.

Another major feature of the festival is, of course, Chinese cuisine. A variety of Chinese dishes will be prepared at Intercontinental's main restaurant, the Oasis, by four Chinese chefs on loan from the participating Chinese firms.

The Oasis is undergoing a redecoration for the special occasion. A Chinese-style gate structure will be erected at the entrance of the restaurant to greet the customer, and all the tables will be adorned with Chinese decorations.

On each table, there will also be a pair of table-size Chinese and Saudi national flags, a special menu containing an introduction by

The 72-year-old retired general will make a public show of how Chinese painting is being drawn in addition to displaying some

Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-Chi, and souvenirs, including chopsticks, international time dials, and keyholders.

Arrangements are being made for a play of Chinese music to add to the harmonic Chinese atmosphere.

For those who patronize the restaurant during the festival, there will be a chance of winning a free trip to the Republic of China. The China Airlines is to offer two roundtrip air tickets to Taipei as prizes to the customers.

In addition, the hotel is to show on its closed-circuit TV system a series of films about China's ancient civilization and modern reconstruction during the festival.

Industry festival planned

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi will receive editors of Saudi papers during the one-week Industry Festival in Saudi Arabia, he said Tuesday.

The festival will be held throughout Saudi Arabia with special emphasis on Riyadh, Jeddah, Qatif, Jeddah and Dammam. In Jeddah, the Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting Feb. 25 on its 36th anniversary. It

will set up two exhibitions, one at the chamber itself and the other in the industrial zone to display models of locally-manufactured goods. More than 600 factories will exhibit their products.

In another development, it was announced Tuesday that Saudi Arabia will take in two exhibitions in Geneva and Bangkok. It was officially invited by the Swiss government to take part in the Geneva fair next month. Experts on tourism, culture, arts, handicraft items and folklore will attend the nine-day exhibition Saudi Arabia's development.

A Saudi Arabian trade mission will participate in a 14-day handicraft works exhibition in Bangkok at the end of this month organized by the Thai government in cooperation with the chambers of commerce council and United Nations agencies. The items on display will include jewelry and skins.

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Ishraq	6.53	6.58	6.29	6.18	6.42	7.14
Dhuhr	12.35	12.36	12.07	11.54	12.18	12.48
Assr	3.52	3.50	3.21	3.06	3.31	3.58
Assr	3.52	3.50	3.21	3.06	3.31	3.58
Maghreb	6.18	6.15	45.47	5.31	5.56	6.23
Isha	7.46	7.45	7.17	7.01	7.26	7.53

COMMENT

By Ahmed Tashkendi
Al-Bilad

The resolution recently adopted in Riyadh by the foreign ministers of six Arab states of the Gulf — the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait — is one of the most important and serious resolutions ever adopted by the Arabs.

It provides for the formation of a Supreme Council for Gulf Cooperation that will hold periodical meetings at the summit level as well as at the level of the foreign ministers of the six countries. Its aim will be to realize the cherished objectives of those states and their peoples in military, political and economic fields.

It has been observed that the Arab states of the Gulf have invariably found themselves exposed to lies and fabrications by the media services in the United States and Europe. They have been successful as a result of Zionist penetration and a weak Arab media which has remained incapable of responding to Zionist distortions and influencing the world public opinion.

I don't think there could be anything more realistic than the leaders of these states meeting from time to time to make a thorough study of politico-economic situations both in the Arab world and other countries. Nothing would be more pleasing to the peoples of these states than to see their leaders carrying out their responsibilities with the utmost sincerity, honesty and frankness.

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Sadat calls on EEC to pursue peace bid

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 11 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has urged the European Common Market to bolster the Camp David peace process by pursuing its own peace initiative in the Middle East. Addressing the European parliament Tuesday, Sadat described the EEC peace initiative as constructive and "an endorsement of the gains which have been realized so far."

He urged the EEC to participate in persuading Israelis and Palestinians to accept "a formula of mutual and simultaneous recognition" and to provide additional security guarantees in the area.

But in a clear reference to the stalled Camp David peace process, Sadat said Egypt was "determined to pursue this noble goal regardless of any obstacles." His speech, the first to the EEC parliament by an Arab leader, was repeatedly interrupted by applause, inters-

persed with occasional heckling from Italian radical members.

A ruse between Italian radical Mario Capanna and French Gaullist Gerard Israel flared when Capanna raised a banner declaring: "You must recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization. No to Camp David." Sadat drew the longest applause of his 45-minute speech when he departed from his prepared text to declare that he had not come "to sell Camp David." It was his only specific mention of the agreement.

"The establishment of a Palestinian entity, after a transitional period, would be a positive element to all countries in the region. It poses no threat to the security of Israel. In fact, it is the best guarantee for it," Sadat added. A PLO spokesman here later described Sadat's speech as irrelevant.

On Wednesday, Sadat left for Paris.

Israel shells Palestinian positions

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization said Wednesday Israeli missile boats and helicopter gunships blasted Palestinian positions in southern Lebanon overnight. It mentioned no casualties. A communique said naval units and helicopters rocketed Palestinian positions in Qassemieh, 28 kilometers north of the Israeli border, in a two-hour assault that ended one hour after midnight.

Israeli long-range artillery teamed with the warships and helicopters in the barrage, the fourth major Israeli assault on the Palestinians this year. The Israeli military command also reported the naval bombardment along Lebanon's Mediterranean coast south of the port city of Sidon and Israeli state radio described the operation as a pre-emptive attack to prevent commando raids against Israel.

Israel's three previous operations this year included an air raid on Palestinian positions in the south, a massive artillery barrage the next day and a highway ambush of a PLO jeep north of Sidon eight days ago. According to PLO and Lebanese government counts, 20 commandos and Lebanese villagers were killed in the attacks.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Four civilians were killed in the northern Lebanese town of Tripoli Wednesday during a four-hour shootout with members of the Syrian-dominated Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon, correspondents in the region said.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will confer in Washington Feb. 20 with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, a State Department spokesman said Tuesday.

ADEN, (AP) — A visiting Iranian delegation met with South Yemeni leader Ali Nasser Muhammad to discuss bilateral relations between the two countries, an official statement said Tuesday.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Five thousand NATO troops massed for a three-day exercise Tuesday near Erzurum in mountainous northeastern Turkey.

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — Kabul radio announced Tuesday the execution of an Afghan freedom fighter, the fifth in the past two days following a clash between anti-government fighters and security forces in the northern province of Faryab, which borders the Soviet Union.

ATHENS, (R) — NATO's supreme commander U.S. Gen. Bernard Rogers arrived here from Brussels Tuesday for talks with Greek officials on the country's position in the alliance and its dispute with Turkey.

Soviets seeking friendly ties with Iran

MOSCOW, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Soviet Union has pledged to pursue friendly relations with Iran, saying it has expressed "unambiguous support for the people's revolution" there. A commentary published by the government newspaper *Izvestia* Tuesday said the Kremlin desires a relationship with Iran based on "non-interference in internal affairs, respect for sovereignty and

independence, mutual advantage in trade and economic relations and sympathies for the Iranian people's struggle against forces of imperialism."

Izvestia also said the Soviet people have "the right to expect" of Iran a "friendly and good neighborly attitude." The article, timed to coincide with the second anniversary of the overthrow of the late Shah, said the Iranian

revolution was of "much historical importance."

However, it said the new Iranian leadership has failed to work out a concrete program to solve the country's economic problems. "The population is suffering from unemployment, growing prices, shortages of foodstuffs and other consumer goods," *Izvestia* said.

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America considers putting RDF under NATO command

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R) — The Reagan administration is considering placing the special Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) created by former President Carter under NATO command and restricting it to defense of the vital Gulf region, Pentagon officials say. Officials said Tuesday the joint chiefs of staff were expected to make a recommendation later this week on a dispute over who should command the force.

The issue has wide implications for U.S. and West European policies, and a final decision would be up to President Reagan and

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Some Pentagon officials predicted that command of the quick-reaction force would be shifted from the U.S. Readiness Command in Florida to the U.S. military commander in Europe, but others said nothing had been decided.

Putting the RDF under NATO command in Belgium would signal two major policy changes, officials said. First, it would become almost entirely a unit for defense of the Gulf region in place of its present responsibilities which in theory are worldwide.

Iranian official in China for talks

PEKING, Feb. 11 (AFP) — An Iranian government special envoy has started a week-long visit to China that marks the first high-level contact between the two countries since the overthrow of the late Shah two years ago. Iranian diplomatic sources said Ayatollah Muhammad Khomeini arrived here Monday to brief the Chinese government on Iran's policy, and would have talks with top Chinese officials.

China, which has had diplomatic relations with Iran since 1971, maintained close ties with the Shah's regime, which later meant strained relations with the subsequent Islamic regime of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The visit of Khomeini, an influential member of the Iranian parliament, has not yet been announced by the official Chinese press.

Algeria affirms support for Polisario

ALGIERS, Feb. 11 (AFP) — Algeria has reaffirmed its support for the Saharan Nationalist Polisario Front in a joint communique issued at the end of an official visit by a delegation of the front, which is fighting Morocco for independence in the Western Sahara.

The communique, which called for a Moroccan withdrawal from the former Spanish territory, restated the "total and uncon-

ditional commitment of the Algerian revolution alongside the national liberation struggle" of the Saharan people.

It came in the wake of rumors of an Algerian policy change, which were fuelled by a handshake between King Hassan of Morocco and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid at the recent Islamic summit in Mecca and Taif.

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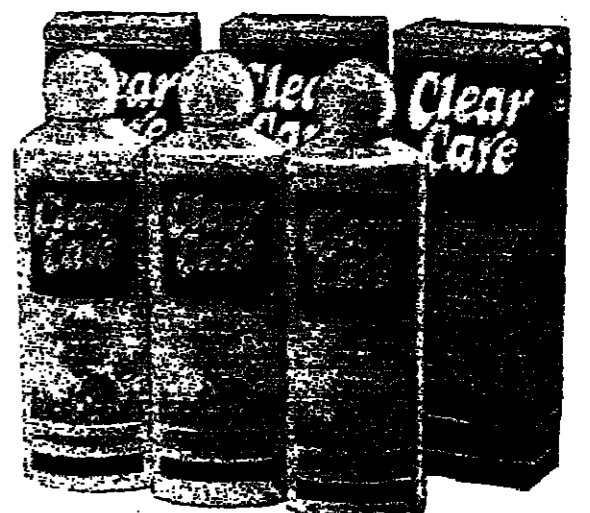
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In Inter-Continental Cup final

Victorino's goal helps Nacional edge out Nottingham Forest

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — An early goal by ace striker Waldemar Victorino gave South American champions Nacional of Uruguay victory over England's Nottingham Forest in the Inter-Continental Soccer Cup Wednesday.

Forest's first shot and set a pattern for his teammates. Victorino scored three goals in Uruguay's recent triumph in the Gold Cup tournament among former World Cup winners but his goal Wednesday was personally the most valuable. Japanese reporters named him as man-of-the-match. The reward: a new car. After the goal he was tightly marked by Larry Lloyd and managed only one more shot.

Young Forest midfielder Stuart Gray came nearest to an equalizer when his header 12 minutes before the end hit the post. Nacional also had the ball in the net twice but both efforts were ruled out for offside. Forest striker Trevor Francis, closely marked by captain Victor Esparrago, was restricted to three shots at goal.

Liverpool, West Ham scrape into Cup final

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Liverpool drew 1-1 with Manchester City and West Ham defeated Coventry 2-0 in second-leg matches of the semifinals of the English League Cup. Both won their ways into the final on aggregate scores for the home-and-away series.

Liverpool won the first-leg against City 1-0 and went through with a 2-1 aggregate, while Coventry won the first-leg 3-2 and lost on aggregate 3-4. Kenny Dalglish scored Liverpool's goal in the 46 minute, Kevin Reeves equalized four minutes later. West Ham's two tallies came from Paul Goddard at 69 and Jimmy Neighbour sent his team through with an 89th minute drive.

Brazil lodges protest

RIO DE JANEIRO, (R) — Brazil have protested to the International Football Federation (FIFA) over the state of the pitch and the standard of refereeing in last Sunday's World Cup qualifying match against Venezuela in Caracas. Gilnile Coutinho, president of the Brazilian Football Confederation, said Tuesday the complaint was made through the FIFA representative at the match. Brazil won the game, the first elimination match for the 1982 world cup, 1-0 with a late-penalty. Venezuela are not highly regarded and the Brazilian press severely criticized their team for the narrowness of the victory and the low standard of play.

EFFI to keep close eye

LONDON, (AFP) — Worried English Football League officials are to closely scrutinize all future deals involving American clubs. Their concern follows rejection of a proposal at Monday's extraordinary general meeting of the football league at Solihull, to stop a player re-signing for a club within a period of twelve months, without the management committee's agreement. "The idea was that a player would not go to America and then return to his former club over here inside a year," said League Secretary Graham Kelly. "Now the American situation has been left wide open and we will keep a close eye on it. If we find loan systems operating under another guise, we will have to reconsider the whole business," he said.

Kapil returns with a bang

India crushes Aussies

MELBOURNE, Feb. 11 (AP) — Australia crashed to a humiliating defeat in the third and final Test here Tuesday, allowing India to square the series one-all. India skittled the Australians for 83 runs in their second innings — giving the tourists an historic 59-run victory. It is India's best-ever result on an Australian tour — and Australia's lowest-ever score against India. The previous worst was 105 at Kanpur in 1959-60. Australia started the final day at three for 24, needing only 119 more runs to win the match and clinch the series 2-0. India's hero was paceman Kapil Dev who, despite a muscle injury, grabbed five for 28 off 16.4 overs. Dilip Doshi and Karsan Ghavri both took two wickets. Only two of the Australian batsmen reached double figures Tuesday — veteran Doug Walters, in his benefit year, made 18. Vice-captain Kim Hughes was next best on 16. The only consolation for the Australians was the naming of Dennis Lillee, who broke Richie Benaud's Test wicket record, as cricketer of the year. He won a \$20,000 sports car. "It's a crucial morale-booster for the New Zealand tour, Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar said. "After this victory I think our morale is very high. Depending on the kind of wickets we get there I think we could have a very good series," Gavaskar added. He said a decision still had to be made on whether a replacement would be needed for off-spinner Shival Yadav, who had his toe broken by a delivery from Len Pascoe on Saturday.

Score-board

INDIA (1st Innings)	237
AUSTRALIA (1st Innings)	419
INDIA (2nd Innings)	324
AUSTRALIA (2nd Innings)	83

R. Dyson c Kirmani b Ghavri 3
G. Wood St Kirmani b Doshi 10
G. Chappell b Ghavri 0
K. Hughes b Doshi 16
B. Yardley b Kapil Dev 7
A. Border c Kirmani b Kapil Dev 9
D. Walters not out 18
R. Marsh b Kapil Dev 3
D. Lillee b Kapil Dev 4
L. Pascoe run out 6
J. Higgs lbw Kapil Dev 0
Extras 7
Total 83
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-11, 3-18, 4-40, 5-50, 6-55, 7-61, 8-69, 9-79.
BOWLING: K. Ghavri 8-4-10-2; S. Patil 2-0-5-0; K. Dev. 16-4-28-5; D. Doshi 22-9-33-2.

Trinidad match ends in tie

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad Feb. 11 (AP) — The touring England cricketers were kept in the field for the whole day Tuesday as their four day match against Trinidad and Tobago petered out into an inevitable draw. The home team, continuing at their overnight 144 for two, passed England's first innings total of 355 and were 392 for 8 when the match ended. It was the final opportunity for match practice for the Englishmen before the first Test against the West Indies starts here Friday. They used the opportunity to give their bow-

kers long stints, the three off-spinners, John Emburey, Geoff Miller and Peter Willey, each having plenty of work. The Trinidadians made slow progress early in the day after a start delayed by half hour because of rain. They lost Augustine Logie for 30, Larry Gomes for 75 and Anmeal Rajah for 19 before Theo Cuffy, skipper Deryck Murray and all-rounder Ranjiv Nanan changed the tempo with attacking batting. Brief scores: England 355, Trinidad and Tobago 392 for 8 (L. Gomes 75, A. Logie 30, D. Murray 75, T. Cuffy 61; Willey 2 for 61).

BRIEFS

NAIROBI, (R) — International Olympic Committee president, Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain, said there was no solution to the problem of politically-influenced boycotts of the Olympic Games. He told a press conference Tuesday, on the penultimate stop of his five-nation African tour, that although he was against any boycott, "There are no solutions to this problem and we can only pray and hope that boycotts don't happen."
NEW YORK, (R) — Larry Holmes will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) Heavyweight title against Canadian champion Trevor Berbick at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas on April 11, promoter Don King announced Tuesday. It will be the first fight for the American title holder since he stopped former champion Muhammad Ali at the end of the 10th round in Las Vegas last Oct. 2.
OAKLAND, California, (AP) — In an upset Tuesday, unseeded Beth Norton defeated fourth-seeded Kathy Jordan 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in first-round play in the \$125,000 Avon Championships of California. In other play, Leslie Allen, U.S., beat Candy Reynolds, U.S., 7-6, 7-4, 6-0 and fifth-seeded Virginia Wade, England, defeated Barbara Jordan, U.S., 6-3, 6-2.
LONDON, (AP) — India trailed 2-3 against England in the first of seven badminton Internationals at Crawley Leisure Center in South London Tuesday night. Indian girls Ami Ghia and Kanwal Singh led Nora Perry and Karen Chapman 8-2 in the

third game, but the English pair took control to win 17-14, 11-15, 15-11.
LOS ANGELES, (AP) — The manager of Wells Fargo Bank's Miracle Mile branch, Gene Kawakami, has been relieved of his duties, the bank announced Tuesday in yet another turn in the labyrinth known as the Wells Fargo embezzlement case. "We're not suspending him — he's still in our employment" said Wells Fargo spokesman George Caulfield, though he would not elaborate on exactly why Kawakami was being taken off his job.
LONDON, (AFP) — Spanish gold ace Severiano Ballesteros will play only six or seven tournaments in Europe this year, most of them in Britain. Ballesteros said that in 1981 he is likely to play almost as many tournaments in Japan as he does in his own territory.
LONDON, (AFP) — Des Smyth, the Irish Ryder Cup golfer, will play in three tournaments on the United States circuit while he is on honeymoon. Smyth who marries next Saturday leaves for Florida the following day where he will play in the Bay Hill Classic, the Inverrary Classic and the Doral-Eastern Open.
MARIBOR, Yugoslavia, (AFP) — The world's top women skiers went on strike Wednesday when they refused to take part in a Slalom counting toward the World Cup. The skiers were unhappy about the poor condition of the Slalom course despite the fact that World Cup organizers have given the go-ahead.



THE MAGNIFICENT MAN AND HIS MACHINE: Argentina's Carlos Reutemann poses with the glittering trophy he won in the South African Grand Prix Friday. (Right): the Sandis-Leyland Williams speeding on the Kyalami track in all its glory.

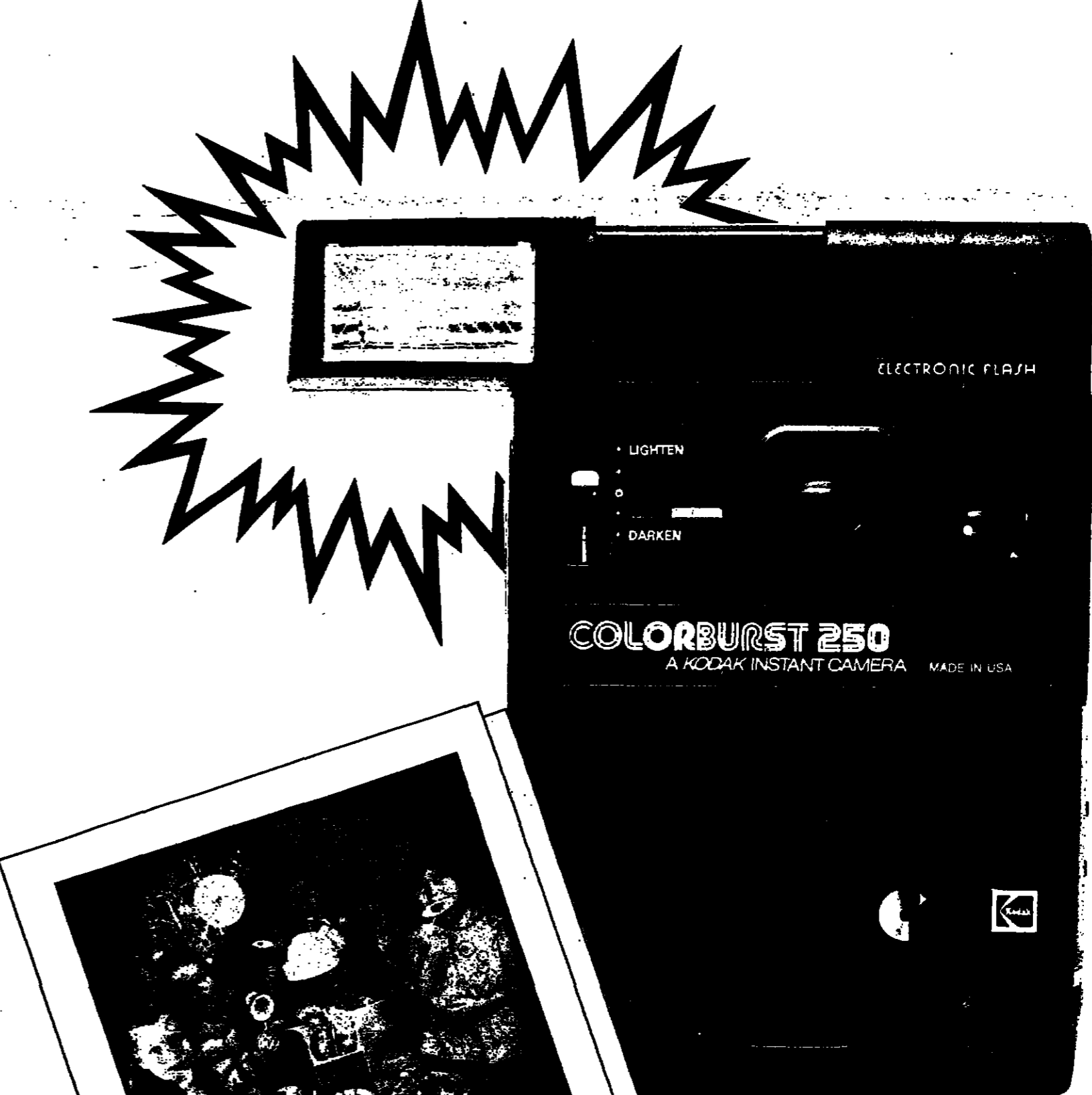
Supersonics stun Celtics in thriller

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — It has not been a very enjoyable season for the Seattle Supersonics, who have struggled because of injuries to Paul Westphal and Lonnie Shelton and a contract dispute that has kept Gus Williams on the sidelines. But finally they found reason to rejoice. The Sonics rallied from a seven-point deficit in the final two minutes of regulation play and went on to stun the Boston Celtics 108-107 in overtime Tuesday night at the Kingdome in Seattle. It was the fourth loss in the last six National Basketball Association games for the Celtics, who fell three games behind Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division race. "It was one of the biggest wins of the year, especially now when we have to put a string together," said Sonics coach Lenny Wilkens, whose club has a modest three-game winning

streak and is still in the chase for a playoff berth despite a 25-32 record. "It's the type of game that can turn the whole season around," said Westphal, who came off the bench to lead Seattle with 24 points. "If we spring off it and use it as momentum, it can help us on the coming road trip." In other games, the Chicago Bulls edged the Kansas City Kings 116-115, the Atlanta Hawks beat the Golden State Warriors 116-108, the Washington Bullets defeated the Denver Nuggets 115-110, the Detroit Pistons topped the Dallas Mavericks 101-95 and the Phoenix Suns stopped the San Diego Clippers 107-93. Bulls 116; Kings 115, Ricky Sobers, who scored 16 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, sank a 20-foot jumper with five seconds remaining to carry the Bulls over Kansas

City. Scott Wedman, who took game scoring honors with... 28 points, gave Kansas City a 115-114 lead just seven seconds before Sobers' winning basket. Sobers made all 12 of his free throw attempts in the game to set a club record of 48 in a row without a miss. Coet Walker had set the old mark of 47 in 1971. Murphy, of the Houston Rockets, leads the NBA in free throw percentage with a .964 mark, while Sobers is at .940. Another mark for Sobers to shoot at is Rick Barry's NBA standard of 60 consecutive successful free throws. Hawks 116, Warriors 108; Atlanta led 92-81 going into the final period but Golden State pulled within six with 1:35 left. Dan Roundfield then hit a pair of layup to ice the victory.

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U.S. to judge Soviet Union by its deeds

By Lee Lescaze

WASHINGTON — White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III said last week the message for the Soviet Union from the week of Reagan administration rhetorical attacks on Moscow is that "it is not going to be business as usual." Baker said that the Reagan administration intends to judge the Soviet Union by its deeds. Measures like depriving Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin of his special privilege to enter the State Department through a private garage entrance indicate that Moscow "won't have preferred status" unless its actions justify it.

Reagan is a president who "is going to be realistic about the Soviet Union and not naive," Baker said in an apparent criticism of earlier administrations. Reagan "might have trouble trusting" the Soviets in view of their past deeds, including the invasion of Afghanistan, Baker said. He was interviewed on "Face the Nation" (CBS) after Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig both were critical of the Soviets at news conferences last month.

Reagan said the Soviets proclaimed their intention to lie and cheat to achieve their goal of world revolution, and Haig accused them of supporting international terrorism. Baker was asked whether Reagan would refuse to negotiate with terrorists who seize Americans in the future. "I think the president has said that you don't negotiate with terrorists," Baker answered. He also repeated Reagan's pledge that U.S. retribution would be swift and sure, should Americans be taken prisoner in the future.

On the battle over foreign aid between Budget Director David Stockman, who wants sharp reductions, and Haig, Baker said that similar fights between budget-cutters and department heads trying to protect their budgets had taken place but had not been leaked to the press. He called it natural for Stockman, who is charged with managing the budget, to be armed with a sharp pencil, while department heads try to counter Stockman with large erasers.

"These are tough calls," Baker said of the process of trimming government spending, but he added, "There are no sacred cows."

Despite an apparent shift from full cabinet meetings to smaller cabinet-level working groups in the Reagan White House's second week, the president still believes in cabinet government and will hold cabinet meetings more frequently than any of his predecessors going back to Franklin Roosevelt, Baker said. (WP)

The French connection

By Robin Smyth

PARIS — During the first dark winter of the American hostage crisis, two French lawyers were former President Carter's channel of communication with the Iranian government in an abortive attempt to reach agreement on release terms. It was when the two sides had apparently drifted out of earshot that Carter launched his disastrous air rescue attempt. The lawyers, Maître Francois Cheron and Maître Christian Bourquet, believe that their mediation efforts came very close to success at the end of February and in early March. Bourquet visited the White House and received personal messages from Carter for Iranian President Bani-Sadr.

The lawyers were involved in the first place because they had acted as legal advisers for Ayatollah Khomeini while he was in exile in France. Cheron became a good friend of Bani-Sadr who was the Ayatollah's right-hand man in his village home outside Paris.

When Carter froze Iran's assets in retaliation for the seizure of the hostages, Bani-Sadr asked Cheron to represent the Iranian government in the French courts. The Americans, desperate to find a channel of communication to the new regime in Tehran, asked Cheron and his colleague Bourquet for help. When a link had been established, the first plan was to arrest the late Shah in Panama — a humiliation that would have satisfied the students. Bani-Sadr believed, to the extent that they would have handed over their hostages to the Iranian government.

"We were very, very close to agreement in February and March," said Cheron. "That was before the American rescue expedition."

But the French lawyers found that they were involved in an intrigue in which there were not two sides but four. In addition to Carter and Bani-Sadr, there were the influential American friends of the Shah and the religious extremists of Tehran.

"The friends of the Shah were so sure that we were close to success that they persuaded him to leave Panama for Egypt," Cheron said. The Shah left Panama in March and the rescue fiasco followed in April. By this time, Muslim fundamentalists had also got the upper hand in Tehran and Bani-Sadr was helpless.



Higher hopes and greater dangers in M.E.

By Lord Caradon

There are so many delays, disputes and dangers in the Middle East. Even more than usual. But nevertheless there are some encouraging factors. The main Arab governments, in spite of the divisions caused by the Iraq-Iran war, have not abandoned their policies in respect of the West Bank, including specially Jerusalem. Arab and Muslim unanimity in support of the Palestinians remains. At the same time there are many indications that the Begin government has both alienated international opinion and lost much ground in Israel itself where longing for a peaceful and lasting settlement steadily grows. Meanwhile, the European governments persevere in their own initiative which is the most hopeful development since 1967.

It is important to remember the valuable substance of the European Venice Declaration of June 1980. First there was the insistence on the need for Israel "to put an end to the territorial occupation which it has maintained since the conflict of 1967". Then there was recognition of "the special importance of Jerusalem". Then there was the provision that the Palestinian people should be enabled "to exercise the right of self-determination".

These are the fundamental provisions of the European plan, "the comprehensive solution" based on "the two principles universally accepted by the international community: the right to existence and security of all the states of the region, including Israel, and justice for all the peoples which implies the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

So a major advance has been made on a wide front. Together with the principles unanimously approved in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 in 1967 — principles accepted by both the United States and the Soviet Union — there is now the prospect of further fundamental propositions being "universally accepted."

Now it is clearer than ever that Israel must be secure and the Palestinians must be free, and that

both are now attainable, but not one without the other. The deadlock has for so long resulted from the rival preconditions — the Israeli precondition that the Palestinians must accept Israel's right to exist in security and the Palestinian precondition that Israel must accept the right of the Palestinians to exist in freedom in a country of their own. Now the hope arises that the deadlock may be broken by the initiative to accept both preconditions together.

But what then are the dangers which may destroy all that has been agreed and accepted so far?

Danger Number One. That the dreadful drift of recent years will continue, with the Israeli policies of colonization and annexation of Arab lands in and around Jerusalem and elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza being persistently accelerated and the Palestinian population subdued under military domination, all this being made possible by massive supply of United States money and arms to Israel.

President Carter boasted of the vast financial support given to Israel in recent times, and it is indeed an extraordinary situation that the United States government should provide the means for the Israeli government to pursue policies of colonization and annexation which the United States government itself has long opposed.

Among the worst dangers of the future is the danger that the new American administration will continue to give practical support to Israeli expansion which must lead to resistance and in the end to conflict.

Danger Number Two. That the United States will endeavor to obstruct or to destroy the positive initiative now being pursued by the European governments. Dr. Kissinger's attack on the European initiative in his recent statements in the Middle East may not truly or fully represent the views and wishes of the United States administration but his contemptuous attack is nevertheless ominous, to say the least. And few will doubt that there is no initiative other than that of the European governments — certainly not the exhausted Camp David procedure — which can provide any hope of practical and successful advance.

Danger Number Three. That the Middle East might become an area of confrontation and conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union. Kissinger's recent declarations are particularly ominous in this regard. He seems to look on the Middle East as an area of competition between West and East with the United States mainly concerned not to build on the basic agreement in Middle East policy achieved in 1967 in the United Nations (and often subsequently confirmed) and not concerned with the interests of the peoples of the countries concerned, but concentrating on an endeavor to score off the Soviet Union and gain ground against it. He even spoke of military intervention and United States military bases in the area.

It may rightly be said that Kissinger was not authorized to speak for the Reagan administration, but in these most dangerous issues we must anxiously hope that he has no influence with President Reagan and Gen. Haig.

What then is the extent of these dangers? Surely our conclusion must be that, while the prospects of a comprehensive peaceful settlement have in many ways never been more favorable, the new administration in the United States might destroy all hopes of peace by continuing to give financial and military support to Israel "right or wrong," by refusing to accept the new international initiative led by the European governments, and, instead of an endeavor to reach a settlement acceptable to both East and West, by preparing for a cold war confrontation leading to a conflict which would not only destroy the Middle East countries but might involve the whole world in war.

It is well — indeed it is essential — that these dangers should be recognized and faced. For now is the most critical state in the whole troubled history of half a century in the Middle East. It is not unlikely that the decisions taken now will be decisive between peace and conflict.

Hopes of agreement and peace have never been higher. Dangers of breakdown and conflict have never been greater.

IRAQ-IRAN DEADLOCK

Former Swedish Premier Olof Palme, who is U.N. Secretary General Waldheim's special envoy to Iraq and Iran, has been working quietly behind the scenes for more than two months. He is neither an optimist nor a pessimist and realizes that his task can only be accomplished very slowly. Up to now, he has been dealing with the question of the ships stranded in Shatt Al Arab, and his approach is already beginning to yield results.

Back from his visit to the two countries at the end of last month, the Swedish Social Democratic leader spelled out his view of the three basic principles upon which his proposed solution to the crisis depends. These are: Renunciation of forcible occupation of land, mutual non-intervention, and freedom of shipping in Shatt Al Arab.

What is not generally known is that the area demanded by Iraq, as specified by the Algiers agreement of 1975, is no more than 320 square kilometers. Neither side has, however, published the relevant maps, so one cannot evaluate what strategic importance the area might have. On the other hand, Iraq has already captured far larger areas than this, and its intentions toward them are far from clear.

The apparently irremovable obstacle to the negotiations Palme wants to see started is Iran's demand for a complete Iraqi withdrawal before any talks can start. The Iraqi counter-precondition is Iranian recognition of its claim. The deadlock is all the more complete in the absence of any concerted international efforts to persuade the two sides to come together. That is not hard to explain. Some countries are finding the war quite lucrative, now that the fears that it might disrupt the oil markets have proved unfounded.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The New Delhi non-aligned conference's call on the Soviet Union to withdraw from Afghanistan formed the headline story in *Al Medina* and *Al Bilad* Wednesday. *Al Yom* led with the reported assassination of Jordanian Charge d'Affaires in Beirut, Hisham Mohaisin, who was earlier kidnapped by unknown gunmen. In a lead story, *Okaz* quoted Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal as saying, "We shall employ all our potentialities to liberate Jerusalem." *Al Riyadh* said in a lead report that relations between Syria and Jordan are in a continuously deteriorating state.

Newspapers frontpaged Holland's decision to move its consulate from Jerusalem. They also gave page one prominence to the non-aligned conference in New Delhi, which urged the Soviet Union to evacuate its forces from Afghanistan. In a front-page story, *Al Riyadh* reported that Palestinian residents of the occupied West Bank have declared their resistance to the Israeli government's decision to confiscate large areas of their lands for the erection of Jewish settlements on them.

Newspapers also gave front-page importance to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's speech before the European Parliament in Luxembourg, in which he reportedly called for the establishment of an entity, and not a Palestinian state, ignoring Arab sovereignty over occupied Jerusalem. *Al Yom* carried as a page one story a call by the Arab member states of the non-aligned movement to ostracize Egypt from the movement. In an editorial on the achievement of the Ministry of Post, Telegraph and Telephones in spreading telephone

facilities throughout the Kingdom, *Al Medina* noted that progress in this public facility has been unique and unprecedented in the history of nations. The paper praised the international expertise and native efforts which brought the Kingdom to the level of most advanced nations in this field.

Commenting on Sadat's visit to Europe, *Al Riyadh* observed that Sadat is trying to tell Europeans that he is the only hero of peace, whom circumstances have brought to negotiate in the name of peace. It is, however, a well-known fact that Sadat himself made an exit from war and liquidated his problems with the enemy of the region, the paper said, adding that Sadat's peace has not at all influenced the crux of the problem in the Middle East. Sadat wishes to see the peace of his own imagination that makes Egypt and Israel an armed force working against Palestine and Jerusalem and helping in the building of Jewish settlements on the Arab territories, it said.

Commenting on the kidnapping of the Jordanian diplomat in Beirut, *Al Jazirah* noted that kidnapping would not serve the purpose of any Arab party but would help the Zionists to expand the area of their conspiracy against the Islamic nation. The paper appealed to the officials of Jordan and Syria to exercise self-restraint, strive to minimize media campaigns and to extend maximum cooperation to the Lebanese authorities to unearth the hide-outs of the criminals. It held the view that the criminals' arrest and prosecution would provide the only opportunity for removing the foreign missions' lack of confidence in the ability of the Lebanese authorities to protect them and give them full security in the country.

On the same subject, *Al Yom* felt the situation necessitated fresh Arab attempts to nip the evil in the bud and to eliminate differences before it becomes impossible to control the situation. It urged the authorities concerned to bring to light the facts in the background of which the kidnapping took place. The paper also called for imposing punishment on those who participated in the crime, which only retards Arab unity and obstructs their struggle against the common enemy.

On the other hand, *Al Bilad* dwelled on the non-aligned conference, saying that the non-aligned nations are not the only international forum which has denounced Moscow for its open intervention in Afghanistan. Earlier, the Mecca Islamic summit conference also had stressed the need for an urgent withdrawal of the Soviet forces from that Muslim country, it said. However, the paper added that the New Delhi conference's stance constituted a significant step against the Soviets and their violation of international charters and the world public opinion.

Okaz also dealt with the same subject, saying that a glance over the Arab and Islamic issues would clarify the erroneous concept through which the Soviets deal with the Middle East region. The paper urged the Soviet Union and all other forces hostile to Arabs and Muslims to keep off a nation that has already defined the ways and means in Mecca to get rid of other powers' terms and conditions. The least that the world can do would be to show regard to what Arabs and Muslims are doing to bring peace, stability and security in the world, the paper added.

Letters to the editor

Dear Sir,
I write to inform you that all members of this embassy staff have followed with great interest the reliable information published in your famous newspaper, *Arab News*. However, according to the report in the said newspaper of Jan. 3 and 9, 1981 concerning the blatant violation of Vietnam against Thai territory, for your additional information in the letter of M.L. Bhirahongsee Kasemsri, ambassador permanent representative of Thailand addressed to Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations secretary-general on Vietnamese-Heng Samrin armed aggression against Thailand on Jan. 3, 1981, notifying him and all members of the United Nations of the aggressive violation against Thai territory by Vietnamese troops, the representative said: "I have the honor to inform you that following a most serious incident of 23-24 June 1980, when Vietnamese Heng Samrin forces attacked and destroyed Kampuchean refugee encampments and Thai villages, Vietnamese-Hengsamrin forces have on over 80 separate occasions, continued to violate Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity. These violations not only seriously threaten the lives of innocent Thai villagers but also caused damages to their property.

The latest serious incident occurred on Jan. 3, 1981, when Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces crossed the Thai Kampuchean border and intruded about 700 meters into Thai territory at border post no. 31 east of Ban Sa-nagee in Tapraya district, Prachinburi province. The intruders attacked a Royal Thai Army unit

guarding the area, forcing Thai soldiers to return fire in self-defense resulting in heavy fighting for one and a half hours before the intruders were driven back into Kampuchean territory. In this engagement two Thai soldiers were killed and one seriously wounded while the number of casualties suffered by the intruders was not immediately known."

He added "The Royal Thai government strongly condemns this act of aggression and reserves the right to take all necessary and legitimate measures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity including bringing the matter before the United Nations Security Council for appropriate action." I therefore consider that should the content of the above-mentioned text be published in your famous newspaper, it will be helpful to your readers to know and be aware of the aggressive use of force of the Communist country against a peace-loving country.

Yours sincerely,
Khad Lakkhiam
Second Secretary
Royal Thai Embassy
Jeddah.

Mr. Muhammad Mustaq,
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your contribution. The poetry piece you have sent, however, cannot be published.

JEDDAH

By Raana Siddiqi

THE BIRTHDAY OF LATE JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, former Prime Minister, was celebrated in India on Nov. 14, among other festivities such as Children's Sports Day. Children from all-over India gathered at the National Stadium in New Delhi to compete in various sports activities. The Indian Embassy School in Jeddah corresponding to the Children's Day at home also holds its sports day in the month of November. This year however, the sports day was delayed and was celebrated instead on Feb. 9 and 11. Among a host of cheering parents, the children took part in various sports events. The highlight of the program was the parents race and a folkloric musical skit presented by the children. Mrs. Hafiza, the wife of the Indian Ambassador and the guest of honor, awarded the prizes to the winners.

A DOCUMENTARY ON AMERICAN sculptress Louise Nevelson would be shown at the Jeddah Fine Arts Society meeting to be held on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the USGS Recreation Villa.

THE ALL FAISALIYAH WOMEN'S WELFARE SOCIETY members are reminded to attend the tea party Monday,

Feb. 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Faisaliyah premises. Meanwhile, tickets are selling fast for the society's next program of Saudi Evening planned for Feb. 25 and 26. It would be an excellent chance for expatriate women to take a glimpse into the Saudi traditional heritage. The program includes regional dances, a demonstration of Abaya and veil wearing, food served in the traditional style in tents, and an exhibition of jewelry and silverware. The first evening's commentary would be in English, therefore more meaningful to the non-Arabic speaking guests.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m. (To reach Al Faisaliyah new premises, cross the Palestine Road round-about after the U.S. Embassy and take the first right turn after the Spanish residence.)

DIRECTOR PETER NICHOLS will present A Day In The Death of Joe Egg, a drama about a spastic child at the Player's Playhouse from Feb. 23 to 26 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets at SR20 can be obtained on Saturdays, Mondays, and Tuesdays at

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the Playhouse between 3:15 and 5:00 p.m.

A FLEA MARKET would be held at the PCS Primary section on Feb. 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To reserve space, call Mrs. Duncan at Tel. No. 6604501. Mrs. Safir at 6675311 or Mrs. Wilcox at 6654266. Lots of interesting things to buy so do stop by.

YVES SAINT LAURANT BOUTIQUE is having a clearance sale these days. Last season's clothes, shoes, bags and other accessories are being sold on prices reduced up to 40%. According to Mrs. Obaid, the manageress the sale would continue till mid-February after which the new season's spring and summer fashion items would be sold. Saint Laurant Boutique is on Khalid bin Al Walid Street and for ladies only.

THE BRITISH BUSINESSMAN'S LUNCH would be held Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Nova Park Hotel at 13:00 hours. H.E. Dr. Soliman Al-Solaim, Minister of Com-

merce, will address the gathering.

Eastern Province

THE SECOND ANNUAL MOTOR SHOW would be held at the Al-Gosaibi Hotel, Al Khobar, from Feb. 14 to 20. As many as 92 models would be on display.

AN EXHIBITION OF PATCHWORK QUILTS would be held at the Arab Heritage Gallery, Al Khobar, from Feb. 15 to 28. Open daily 9 to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 in addition; and on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30. The gallery is located next to the mosque off 28th Street (Pepsi Cola Road).

THE DHAHRAN THEATER GROUP would present the comedy 'How the other half loves' by Alan Ayckourn, from Feb. 17 to 19.

THE DHAHRAN ACADEMY would stage its annual Shakespearean spoof at the PTA meeting Monday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Students, who had participated in the recent Kingdom-wide junior high school music festival, would also perform. The PTA, under new president, Kneutzel, would discuss problems raised at the mini-meetings in local compounds.

als' Rector Bakr A. Bakr, Sheikh Olayan, and American Consul-General James Eatum.

MANY SAUDI STUDENTS spent their spring vacation last week in the desert, enjoying the fresh spring air and getting in a bit of hunting as well as the traditional singing and dancing.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR started last week. For them it is the Year of the Rooster. Rosanna and Jim Peeling saw it in with a style at a dinner with Oriental delicacies. They had decorated their house at the U.P.M. with beautiful Chinese scrolls and a dramatic Dragon-embazoned carpet.

ARAMCONS BILL BARTLETT, BILL TRACY AND THE GOELLNERS have left the Kingdom after 25 years' stay in the Eastern Province. During his stay Goellner had not only taught, but also set up the Boy Scouts, and led tours so that expatriates here could get to know Arabia. He had led not less than 188 trips to Hofuf and wrote an interesting descriptive booklet about the town which used to be the administrative capital of the Al-Hasa province until it was merged with Dammam in 1953.

Book, tapes available

Teach yourself Arabic

By Heather Winlow

JEDDAH. — Perhaps you often find yourself struggling in the souq, trying desperately to make the shopkeeper understand, "No, not in red. Do you have the dress in blue?" To which the reply is a shrug of the shoulders accompanied with a grinning but bewildered facial expression. Or, trying to tell your maid that you are having a dinner party next week, could she possibly work that evening?

The ensuing 'conversation' would probably make an excellent episode for a television situation comedy series. Alas, the language barrier can be frustrating and annoying at the best of times. The remedy is of course quite simple: learn to speak some Arabic. If you have decided this course then there are a number of alternatives open to the budding Arabist. Many companies in Jeddah offer evening

courses in Arabic for fees ranging from SR300 to SR500 per course. The duration is usually about one school term. But the drawback is the need to attend classes regularly, which can be difficult for women with regard to transportation and for those who have rather demanding social lives.

Although private lesson eliminates these problems, they are expensive with most tutors charging SR80 or more per hour. But the ideal thing would be to take the cheaper alternative that is available in the city.

In 1974 Dr. Margeret Omar, employed by the United States Foreign Service Institute's linguistics department, came to Jeddah to research and compile a book that would offer a basic understanding of Saudi Arabic. The book, that resulted from the research, called Saudi Arabic — Urban Hafazi Dialect is excellent.

Unlike most self-study books, it makes a refreshing change. It is a carefully, well-planned piece of work which aims to give the student a working proficiency of the language. Each lesson in the book is also recorded on a cassette tape to aid pronunciation of Arabic words. The recording quality of all the 15 tapes is very good, and there is little trouble understanding what is said.

The book begins with a formative introduction giving the student some background information to the dialect spoken in Jeddah. Grammatical terms frequently used such as classicism, modal word and transitive verbs are listed and their meanings explained. This leads to a section devised to acquaint the stu-

dent with the Arabic alphabet and its pronunciation. From this point on, all coaching is conducted in conjunction with the tapes that accompany the book.

There are 50 lessons in all each one set to a standard format. Each lesson begins with a short dialogue which the student is required to memorize. Grammatical notes explain sentence structure and give other information related to the dialogue. This is followed by vocabulary notes introducing the student to new words. Again this is always related to the lesson as a whole, such as the plural of a noun or the present tense of a verb.

Lesson drills show the student how a word or phrase changes according to whom it is addressed to. For example, question one in lesson shows the phrase, 'come in' changes from, 'Afaddal' when spoken to a man, to 'Afaddali' when spoken to a woman, and to 'Afaddala' when spoken to a group of people. Situations, as they are related to the book, are simply a series of questions which the student must answer — in Arabic of course! All these questions are a revision of the lesson. Where appropriate, the author has included some cultural notes that are very informative and interesting to those who are not well acquainted with the Arabic culture. Each 10th lesson in the book is a revision lesson.

On completion of the book, the student should have a working proficiency in Arabic. The costs very reasonable, the book sells at 100SR and the tapes at SR150, and can be purchased at most bookshops in the city.

Mother -- the energy giver

By Kevin McKean

NEW YORK. (AP) — A key set of genes needed for human energy production can only be inherited from the mother, an apparent exception to the ordinary cells of genetics, Stanford University scientists say.

The finding may be important in understanding certain rare human diseases, said Dr. Douglas Wallace the Stanford's Department of Genetics. Wallace and co-workers at Stanford University Medical School found that the genetic material of mitochondria, the tiny energy factories of living cells, is "naturally inherited" — that is, it can come only from the mother, not the father. This is unlike virtually every other inherited trait, which can come from either parent.

Mitochondria are tiny rod or ball-shaped bodies found in all plant and animal cells. They convert food energy into a form that the cell can use for movement, the production of proteins, the synthesis of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), and almost every mother life function. Material inheritance of mitochondrial DNA — which contains the genetic code and transmits the hereditary pattern — is well-known in plants and simple animals and recently has been found in mules, rats and wild mice.

Its discovery in humans may open up new avenues of studying certain rare diseases, Wallace said. Among them is Leber's hereditary optic atrophy, a mysterious eye degeneration which results in blindness. The cause of leber's atrophy is not known, but it sometimes follows a pattern of material inheritance.

That inheritance pattern may indicate the disease is caused by a defect, in mitochondria, and the Stanford group is now seeking patients with the condition to study the possibility. The technique could also be used to see the precise genetic defect responsible for familial mitochondrial myopathy, a muscle degeneration known to be due to defective mitochondria, the scientists said.

The Stanford group — Richard Giles, James Case, Hugues Blanc, Howard Cann and Wallace — published its work in the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and somatic cell genetics.

They studied four families, including one 33-member family spanning three generations, and found that the DNA, or genetic material, of the children's mitochondria always matched that of their mother, never their father.

MOTOR SHOW 1981 FEB. 14th - FEB. 20th. Second Annual Motor Show with over 100 cars. Al Gosaibi Hotel & Exhibition Centre. Includes logos for Audi, Mercedes-Benz, Alfa Romeo, Pirelli, Renault, Toyota, Volkswagen, etc.

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Nyerere to pull out troops from Uganda

DAR ESSALAAM, Feb. 11 (AP) — President Julius Nyerere has pledged to withdraw Tanzanian troops from neighboring Uganda by June. "I don't want to be another Soviet Union," the African leader told a news conference here Tuesday. He also accused South Africa of trying to destabilize his black-ruled neighbors by launching cross-border raids.

Kampala raiders chased

KAMPALA, Feb. 11 (R) — Army patrols Wednesday continued their search in Kampala for raiders who attacked police stations, barracks and a prison. The previously unknown Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM) telephoned reporters in Kampala Tuesday to claim the attacks were the start of a campaign to overthrow President Milton Obote who came to power after elections in December.

The government said in a statement the attackers were "lawless elements" and appealed for calm. But many Kampala workers stayed at home Tuesday and half the shops in the city center were closed. Residents and diplomats said there were numerous roadblocks in and around the capital. They said there had been a number of arrests.

into Angola and Mozambique, which Pretoria said were against nationalist guerrilla bases, Nyerere said: "the South Africans have to make up their minds how they will deal with their neighbors. They believe that we will build guerrilla camps in the frontline states and that thousands of guerrilla fighters will march to attack South Africa. But actually they believe nonsense. Their war will come... from inside."

The frontline states are Tanzania, Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana. The name was coined during the seven-year war against white rule in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. Nyerere said the continuing presence of some 10,000 Tanzanian troops in Uganda raised economic, political and diplomatic problems.

Tanzanian troops, along with rebel Uganda forces, toppled dictator Idi Amin in April 1979. Uganda, its economy shattered, is still plagued by lawlessness following December elections which brought back to power Nyerere's old ally, President Milton Obote.

Nyerere said a "two-year agreement" on the presence of Tanzanian troops in Uganda would expire in June. "If little Uganda is left alone, they will settle down in spite of the problems," he said.



FIGHTING SNOW: Trying to push their cars forward, motorists struggle against heavy snowfalls in the mountains of Eastern Bavaria as a snow-milling vehicle approaches in an attempt to clear the road for traffic.

Snow, high winds sweep U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — Driven by high winds, the biggest storm of the winter swept from the Rockies to the eastern Great Lakes area of the United States Tuesday, bringing blinding snow and bone-chilling cold that contributed to at least three deaths. Tornadoes struck to the south, meanwhile, killing at least one person in Texas and hitting

a grade school in Alabama. Two of the students and a bus driver were seriously injured.

The snow and high winds stretched from Montana to Ohio, sending shivers through more than a dozen U.S. States. Schools were closed and officials pleaded with people to stay home and keep off icy roads where blowing snow made it hard to see more than a few feet. The snow accumulations, however, were not likely to be big enough to ease the drought in most parts of the country.

Bad road conditions were blamed for traffic deaths in Michigan and Kansas. Scattered power failures were tied to the cold. Between 400 and 500 homes in Helena, Montana, many of which use electricity for heating, were without power for more than three hours Tuesday morning in temperatures far below freezing. The cold in Montana even forced a ski area, Bridger Bowl, to close for the day.

BRIEFS

MANILA, (AFP) — After 55 days of flooding in southern Philippines the casualty Tuesday was 228 dead and 32 missing while 126,000 persons remain packed in evacuation camps, disaster reports said Tuesday. Flood waters have risen as high as 26 feet in some parts of the flood zone where damage to crops and property has been placed at some \$27 million, reports said.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — The British government may review its policy on the tuition fees for foreign students studying in Britain once its economy is "straightened out," the outgoing British High Commissioner to Malaysia, Sir Donald Hawley, said Tuesday. He said his government was very "sympathetic to the hardship that many Malaysian and other foreign students may face due to the increased fees."

NEW ORLEANS, (R) — The Louisiana supreme court Tuesday turned down an appeal from convicted murderer David Martin, who is scheduled to die in the electric chair Friday. If the sentence is carried out, Martin, 29, would be the first person to be executed in the United States since John Spenklink died in the electric chair at the Florida state prison May 25, 1979. About 500 condemned prisoners now are awaiting execution in prisons across the United States.

MADRID, (R) — The body of ex-Queen Frederika of Greece, who died last week while staying with her daughter, Queen Sofia of Spain, will be flown to Athens next Thursday, a spokesman for the Royal Palace said Tuesday. She will be buried near her husband, King Paul, at Tatoi, 16 kms. north of Athens Thursday.

Alleged security violations Reagan son under probe

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (AP) — The eldest son of U.S. President Ronald Reagan is being investigated for alleged securities violations in raising funds for his own gasohol operation and a company purported to own a gold mine in Arizona, according to court documents.

Documents on file in municipal court show the 35-year-old Michael Reagan's home in Sherman Oaks, California, has been searched twice — once in connection with each company.

In the gasohol (the mixture of gasoline and alcohol) case, investigators are trying to determine how the president's son used \$17,500, given to him by four men who, according to court affidavits, claimed they were promised 30 per cent interest in his Agricultural Energy Resources venture.

In the gold mining case, the documents show there is an investigation of allegations Reagan raised funds without a securities license for a mining company that was never incorporated. An affidavit on file with the search warrants say one gasohol investor complained the money was going into Reagan's pocket instead of the company, but Reagan's lawyer, Donald Wager, denied that Tuesday.

"Nobody complained," he said. "They are all the best of friends, and nobody has any complaints." Wager added: "I am confident that when the investigation is complete, Michael Reagan will be exonerated."

White House Press Secretary James S. Brady, asked about the report, said, "It would just not be appropriate for us to have a comment from here." He said he did not know President Reagan's reaction to the report and did not think Reagan had spoken with his son about it. The younger Reagan could not be reached immediately for comment.

Investigators for the district attorney's office and the California State Department of Corporations that Reagan had offered to include them in the Gasohol company, which was to sell equipment to farmers to turn excess or spoiled crops into fuel, according to the documents.

Reagan later told the investigators that the company, which he operates from his home, also serves as a broker to procure gasohol. Reagan's home was searched last Friday in connection with that investigation, according to the documents. It also was searched last Oct. 10 in connection with the other investigation, which centers on the activities of a man identified as Richard Carey.

A Security Pacific National Bank branch in Hollywood also was searched Friday. The warrants called for "all documents, checks, correspondence and literature pertaining" to the company. Documents attached to the October search warrant allege that Reagan helped Carey find investors for Sawyer Adecor International Inc.

Ramphal cautions U.S. against aid flow cut

DACCA, Feb. 11 (AFP) — Commonwealth Secretary General Shridath Ramphal, who flew in here to attend the Commonwealth agriculture ministers' conference Tuesday, disagreed with suggestions that the developed countries were going to reduce their aid flow to Third World nations. He told questioners at a press conference immediately after arrival that the developed countries like Canada, West Germany and Japan, had already announced that they were going to increase their economic aid to the developing countries.

Asked to comment on a reported move of the Reagan administration to cut the U.S. contribution to the World Bank-affiliated International Development Association which gives soft loans to developing countries, the Secretary General said it would be "quite wrong" to accept such a suggestion at this stage. He expressed the hope that the new U.S. government would refrain from such a move saying that protests to any such move would come from within America and member countries of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

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Security forces' raid

University officials held in El Salvador

SALVADOR, Feb. 11 (AP) — Security forces raided a Roman Catholic high school and arrested eight faculty deans and other top officials of the University of El Salvador as they gathered for a meeting, the government announced.

Ricardo Calderon, both members of the FDR leadership, were among the 21 university officials arrested. He denied a university spokesman claim that the rector, Jose Napoleon Rodriguez Ruiz, was also arrested. Calderon Ruiz is believed to be in exile in Mexico. The official declined to say what action might be taken against the university officials.

There was no immediate indication why the university directors were meeting, but it could have been to prepare for the reopening of the school. It was closed last June by the government because it said it was a hiding place for leftwing extremists. However, the junta announced recently it could open March 6.

Antonio Ulloa, named rector after the university was closed, was assassinated in October by gunmen who shot him down on a street near the university. He also was a member of the FDR leadership.

In November, six members of the FDR directorate were kidnapped and their bodies were found the next day at scattered locations in San Salvador. The killings were similar to hundreds of others carried out by rightwing death squads.

Blow to Schmidt

Bonn's energy plan put off

HAMBURG, Feb. 11 (R) — West Germany's nuclear energy program suffered a setback Tuesday night when the Hamburg government voted to postpone for three months further building work on a key atomic station. Ulrich Kloe, mayor of the port city, told a news conference his administration wanted more guarantees on nuclear waste disposal before going ahead with the plant.

Best satellite goes up in Japan

OSAKA, Feb. 11 (AP) — Japanese scientists launched a rocket carrying an experimental satellite into space from Tanegashima center Wednesday, marking the beginning of an era of satellites for practical use in Japan's space development program. The N-2 rocket number 1, loaded with an experimental satellite for technical experiments, was launched from the southern Japan launching site at 8:30 GMT. The rocket was originally scheduled to be launched Monday, but the launch was postponed until Wednesday. The National Space Development Agency said the rocket was designed to carry an experimental satellite to the "transfer" orbit, a step short of the stationary orbit, to demonstrate the rockets ability to go into orbit.



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE...: A broken 30-inch water main flooded a portion of Phoenix in Arizona Friday, gobbling up a car as hundreds of gallons of water poured through the break. Police rerouted traffic and technicians sought to stem the flow while the local residents went without water for their daily use because of the leakage.

U.K. keeps nuclear options

Dutch oppose neutron bomb for NATO

THE HAGUE, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — The Dutch parliament has adopted a resolution asking the government to oppose the inclusion of neutron bombs in the arsenal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The resolution was introduced for the Socialist opposition by former Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep and co-sponsored by the ruling Christian Democrats. Only the Liberals in the government coalition and two smaller parties voted against the text.

In a debate last week, the foreign minister had already stated his government's hostility to the neutron bomb and disclosed that Washington had been informed of that position.

The deputies also adopted a second resolution proposed by the Christian Democrats inviting the Dutch Government to push within NATO for a downgrading of the role

assigned to nuclear arms and for examining ways for achieving that end.

In London, Defense Secretary John Nott, in his first public speech since moving to the post last month, reasserted Tuesday night the Conservative government's reliance on nuclear weapons.

Nott, former trade secretary, said he and his colleagues in the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher were not warmongers but people facing the threat of blackmail from nuclear and conventional weapons. If Britain dropped its nuclear guard, he asserted war could be the result.

He said he was aware of a growing fear of war and in particular nuclear war. Many serious-minded people were deeply worried, but that nuclear weapons could not be dismantled. Nott added: "The abhorrence of war is no substitute for clear and realistic plans to

prevent it. If we drop our guard we may be forced again to learn lessons in the appalling school of practical experience."

He said that "the task before us is to devise a system of living in peace and freedom while ensuring that nuclear weapons are never used either to destroy or to blackmail us into submission." Speaking at the annual dinner of an association, Nott declared: "strong defenses are vital to our national survival and are essential to this government's program."

Meanwhile, nine British opposition Labor members of parliament Tuesday criticized Queen Elizabeth's husband for saying in a lecture that the existence of nuclear weapons had probably prevented the outbreak of World War III. The parliamentarians, who included anti-monarchist William Hamilton, tabled a House of Commons motion urging Prince Philip not to be "the mouthpiece of a bellicose, reactionary government."

Cynthia flies to New York

ZURICH, Feb. 11 (AFP) — American freelance journalist Cynthia Dwyer left here for New York Wednesday after saying she was "reasonably well treated" during her nine-month imprisonment in an Iranian jail. Speaking to reporters here on a short stopover, Mrs. Dwyer said that she felt "immense joy" when she was released from Iranian television the departure of the 52 American hostages from Tehran Jan. 20. She said she had thought that her case would be settled rapidly after the hostages were freed.

Mrs. Dwyer, 49, left Iran Tuesday after being convicted of spying charges. She had spent nine months and three days in Tehran's Evin prison. She said that from November she was allowed visits from representatives of the Red Cross and later from Swiss embassy officials. Switzerland represents U.S. interests in Iran.

Mrs. Dwyer, a mother of three, said she received a few letters while in jail and was allowed to send letters once a week to her family. Asked about her attitude toward Iranians, following her captivity, Mrs. Dwyer said that Iranians were a varied people and that the political situation in the country was very "confused", even for Iranians themselves.

Mrs. Dwyer is to arrive in New York at 2:40 p.m. aboard a Swissair flight. She is expected to be greeted there by her husband.

New U.S. 'gun' brings slingshot into space age

DOVER, New Jersey, Feb. 11 (AP) — A magnetic gun that brings the technology of the slingshot into the space age can fling a projectile four times faster than the U.S. army's best rifle, and could be a boon to nuclear energy reserves, an army scientist says.

Scientists at the Picatinny Arsenal are working on the experimental magnetic launcher, known as the rail gun. "Right now the rail gun technology can contribute greatly to the solution of energy fusion, and work where other experiments have failed to produce energy sources, Dr. Harry Fair Jr., chief of propulsion technology at the Arsenal, has said.

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Protection to traders

Global futures market in oil opens in London in two months

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R) — The first international futures market will open here on April 6 offering protection to oil traders against sharp price movements, the organizers have announced.

From that date, oil traders in the Rotterdam spot market will be able to fix contracts up to nine months ahead on the new London petroleum exchange to hedge against the risks entailed when prices are moving sharply up or down.

The market will initially deal only in gasoil, which makes up about one-third of the refined yield from a barrel of crude and is widely used for industrial and home heating, as diesel fuel and as a raw material by petrochemical manufacturers.

"I do not think it will have an effect on what OPEC thinks about the price of crude oil," Charles Daly, a director of the exchange, told a news conference Tuesday.

Futures markets have existed in some commodities for 100 years providing insurance for traders and business for skilled commodity brokers. Sugar, coffee, cocoa and rubber futures are widely traded in London. Last year a market opened in potatoes.

Futures contracts are commitments to buy or sell at a specified price at a time and place in the future, up to nine months ahead in the new London oil market.

Producers and buyers can secure their positions at guaranteed prices well in advance, while speculators provide market liquidity, hoping to make money by anticipating which way the market will move.

Petroleum Exchange Chairman Robin Woodhead said Tuesday he had been encouraged by the success of a New York

futures market in heating oil, for delivery only in the United States, which opened last year and on which 6,000 contracts were traded Monday.

London is well-placed among international time zones for traders in the Far East, Europe and the U.S. to use the market during any one trading day.

He said the exchange would be in business if only 500 contracts, for 100-ton lots of gasoil, were being traded daily by the year's end. He added that major oil companies were showing interest and that inquiries had come from the chemical industry about widening the market to include Naphtha.

Earlier bids to start an oil futures market failed, largely because, until the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries asserted itself in the 1970s, the Western oil multinationals kept a near-exclusive grip on all aspects of the oil trade.

France to hike aid to Turkey

PARIS, Feb. 11 (R) — France is to increase economic and technological aid to Turkey, including nuclear energy, Turkish Foreign Minister Iker Turkmen has said.

He told a press conference Tuesday that he was greatly encouraged by talks with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet on closer political and economic relations.

"France has contributed substantially to Turkey's economic development in 1979 and 1980 and we can expect still more substantial contributions in 1981," Turkmen said.

"We are interested in nuclear energy. We are now in the exploratory stage and France will help us with this," he added.

Earlier Tuesday, the visiting minister had talks with the head of the French Atomic Energy Commission's program division.

Turkey, beset with economic problems, including 40 per cent inflation, a foreign trade deficit estimated at \$5.5 billion this year and a foreign exchange shortage, depends on imports for its oil needs.

Last year, Western governments gave Turkey a five-year breathing space on the repayment of its most pressing official foreign debts totaling more than \$3 billion.

France contributed 300 million francs \$75 million to an international aid consortium for Turkey in 1979 and increased this to 420

million francs (\$1000 million last year).

France's relations with Turkey have been strained since Turkish troops landed into Cyprus in July 1974 and remained so until Greece's entry into the European Common Market in January this year, which allowed France to pay more attention to Turkish problems, political analysts said.

Turkmen said he told French leaders Turkey was anxious to reach a negotiated settlement with Greece on all outstanding problems, including oil exploration in the Aegean Sea.

"There is a definite improvement in Greek-Turkish relations," he said. "The secretary-general of the Turkish and Greek Foreign Ministries will meet shortly. I think we have taken the path of dialogue."

At a banquet Tuesday night in honor of Turkmen, Francois-Poncet said France supported Turkey's national recovery effort through aid and cooperation and hoped that the Turkish military junta would restore democratic institutions.

Turkmen said he had discussed the plight of 65,000 Turkish workers in France and said that visa restrictions introduced last October to help curb mounting unemployment in France would be eased shortly.

Jakarta rejects Hanoi plea for joint oil hunt

JAKARTA, Feb. 11 (AFP) — Indonesia has rejected a proposal by Vietnam for joint exploration of a vast area in the South China Sea, according to a Foreign Minister Gen. Maraden Panggabean.

The proposal had been made during negotiations between the two countries over the continental shelf boundaries between them, he told parliament Tuesday night.

At stake was ownership of a 400,000 square kilometer area in the South China Sea, believed to have rich mineral resources, like oil.

Gen. Panggabean accused Vietnam, of not being consistent during the negotiations, which reached a deadlock late last year.

Asked if the Indonesian concession to foreign oil firms for exploration would create tension between Indonesia and Vietnam, Gen. Panggabean said the concessions were given on Indonesian territory.

He gave no indications on the possibility of resuming negotiations over the boundaries between Indonesia and Vietnam.

Iraqi envoys briefed on oil policy

BAGHDAD, Feb. 11 (R) — Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul-Karim has briefed Iraqi diplomats serving in Arab countries on Iraq's oil policy and ways of using crude to further the country's interest, the official press has reported.

The English language Baghdad Observer quoted Abdul-Karim as saying Iraq followed a policy based maintaining the unity of the organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and "facing colonialist plans aimed at undermining the organization's role."

The minister, who is a member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), said that the war with Iran had increased Baghdad's "determination and perseverance to continue with development projects to make Iraq an advanced country."

On relations with Arab countries, the paper quoted him as telling the diplomats at a meeting Tuesday that "Iraq seeks the implementation of a number of oil projects in the Arab homeland and the use of oil revenues in Arab development plans."

Abdul-Karim added Iraq's policy stressed that oil and its fruits belonged to the country's future generation and that, therefore, oil revenues should be examined for their real value and protected from the dangers of inflation. Official comment was unavailable from the oil ministry.

Iraq regards oil as a strategic commodity and since the start of the Gulf war in September has declined to answer questions from foreign journalists.

Iran to export enough oil to avoid borrowing -- Nobari

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R) — Iran will produce and export enough oil this year to avoid borrowing on international money markets, Iranian Central Bank Governor Ali Reza Nobari told Reuters in an interview.

Nobari, in London for talks with U.S. bankers about financial claims outstanding since the Tehran-Washington agreement that freed the 52 American hostages last month, put no figure on Iran's oil production targets.

The country's oil output is currently thought by Tehran diplomats to be 70,000 barrels per day (BPD), compared to a possible two million BPD should the conflict end.

Nobari said Tuesday only that Iran's oil output would obviate any recourse to world money markets and added: "If we do borrow, it won't be through U.S. banks."

He estimated that Iran's outstanding claims against U.S. banks since the agreement which ended the hostages' 444 days of captivity could total \$4 billion.

The delegation led by Nobari is expected to stay here for several days discussing Iran's claims together with U.S. bank counter-claims concerning outstanding loans and interest payments not repaid to American banks since the U.S.-Iran agreement.

Under this accord, which Washington officials said probably entailed the largest financial transfer in history, the U.S. deposited \$7.98 billion in an escrow account with the Bank of England.

As the hostages were freed Iran began paying off some \$3.6 billion of loans it owed about 300 foreign and U.S. banks which had formed syndicates to raise the credits.

At the same time, Iran put \$1.4 billion into a second escrow account to cover outstanding loans to individual banks and to cover disputes over outstanding interest payments on syndicated bank loans.

Nobari said some U.S. banks were claiming

Plan to shut uneconomic pits angers Britain's coal miners

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R) — Plans announced by Britain's state-owned coal industry to close between 20 and 50 uneconomic pits with the possible loss of up to 30,000 jobs provoked an angry reaction from miners' leaders.

Sir Derek Ezra, National Coal Board (NCB) chairman, told them Tuesday he wanted to pull the industry through the current recession and that meant cutting production by 10 million tons, enlarging workable pits and closing those where reserves were nearly exhausted or difficult to operate.

He refused to name doomed pits, but said they represented a "growing financial burden" to the industry. Talks on implementing the closures would begin Friday between NCB officials and local pit directors, he said.

"All we have said is that a number varying between 20 and 50 will close. But we will do our best to save as many as we can," Sir Derek told miners' leaders at a stormy meeting. The industry, he said, was over-producing by about eight million tons a year.

The proposals brought an angry response from miners' leaders. "If the pits are threatened, we will take industrial action to defend our jobs," said Arthur Scargill, communist leader of the Yorkshire miners.

Joe Gormley, president of the 25,000-member National Union of Mineworkers, conceded some pits had to be closed down, but said they were being forced on the NCB because the British government refused to follow other European countries in subsidizing coal to meet competition from cheap imports.

Gormley said Britain produced the cheapest coal in Europe and the industry should be expanded, not cut back. He warned that the NCB plan was recipe for "confrontation and economic disaster."

In the House of Commons, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher shrugged off calls for a discussion of the NCB plan by opposition Laborite legislators and said she would stand by its decisions.

It would be "quite wrong for the government to attempt to control a nationalized industry," Mrs. Thatcher told MPs.

Sir Derek said he hoped the miners would not decide to press for a national strike, which, he said, would "not solve our problems. It will make them worse."

Tuesday's meeting, held at the NCB's London headquarters, was prompted by a fall in demand and the loss of six million tons of coal sales in the past year.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.70	8.88
Belgian Franc (1,000)	97.90	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.78	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	157.00	155.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	143.00	—	143.70
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.85
French Franc (100)	67.00	68.50	67.85
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.05
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	6.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	35.50	33.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.30	—	16.60
Korean Dollar	—	10.54	10.46
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.06	12.26
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	86.50	86.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	74.00	72.50
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.78	7.90	7.83
Qatar Riyal (100)	—	92.00	91.95
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.61
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	41.10	41.10
Swiss Franc (100)	171.00	175.00	171.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	62.00	63.75
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
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Arab fund lends \$9m to S. Yemen

ADEN, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Arab Fund for Economic Development has granted pro-Soviet South Yemen a \$9.8 million loan to finance an irrigation project in Yemen, banking officials here said Wednesday.

The amount represents 32 per cent of the project estimated to cost \$30.8 million.

The Arab Fund for Economic Development grants loans to Arab developing countries.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Al-Khafji	Maintenance of street lights	—	1000	March 7
Rural Services Complex, Sajar	Illumination of some rural areas	—	50	March 2
Directorate General for Girls' Education, Riyadh	Construction of labs for girls' colleges in Riyadh and Dammam	18	300	Feb. 23
Department of Education, Taif	Construction of fences	11	400	March 1
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Farmers in Poland warn of strike again

WARSAW, Feb. 11 (R) — Leaders of Poland's self-proclaimed Rural Solidarity union of private farmers threatened to strike for the sixth time Wednesday in an angry reaction to a court decision to defer their application for legal recognition. At the same time Poland's top Roman Catholic leaders issued a forceful statement openly supporting the farmers.

farmers said they were determined to do anything to get their present union recognized. Gen. Jaruzelski, who retained his portfolio as Defense minister, was nominated to replace Jozef Pinkowski who resigned Monday after wrestling for nearly six months with industrial and economic turmoil.

Strikers in the southern province of Jelenia Gora meanwhile returned to work Wednesday ending a two-day general strike after accepting a compromise on their demands for hospital facilities.

Solidarity's leader Lech Walesa called Tuesday's court decision a draw and told the farmers they should form an association, advice which Rural Solidarity leaders in Warsaw appeared to have grudgingly accepted. But a statement issued Wednesday from the farmers' strike headquarters in Rzeszow, where they have been occupying a building of the defunct state-run unions for six weeks, indicated that the battle was far from over.

"We farmers are ready for anything. We will resort to all accessible means and forms of strike in order to get the existing Rural Solidarity approved by the government. We do not want to resort to extremes, do not want to use our biggest weapon — the strike — unless we feel forced to do so," the statement said. "March is now near. If by that time all fields are to be sown then we must end the problem as quickly as possible," it added.

Gold prices decline

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Evidence that prime interest rates are not likely to fall in the near future kept the dollar steady and knocked back the price of gold Wednesday.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning price of \$505.00 a troy ounce, down from \$514.24 late Tuesday, and in Zurich, the metal traded at a median \$505.50, down from \$518.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$ 507.47, down \$9.22. Gold finished at \$510. In New York Tuesday afternoon, silver was quoted in London at \$13.40, against \$13.88 Tuesday.

Thorny issues stall hostage pact review

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Reagan administration's review of the agreement that freed 52 American hostages is being delayed because of concern it may be inconsistent with U.S. or international law, a State Department spokesman has said.

The spokesman, William Dyess, said there is no plan to "intentionally" let slip any deadlines set by the agreement and that the U.S. government is taking steps to meet them. But he said that there are some "very thorny" problems that are causing delay in completing the review of the overall agreement, signed in the final hours of the Carter administration.

"The problem is that in some cases we aren't sure the obligations are consistent with domestic and international law," he said Tuesday. Dyess declined to identify the exact nature of the concern pending completion of the review.

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Chun sure to win South Koreans go to poll

SEOUL, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — South Koreans voted Wednesday for a 5,278-member presidential electoral college which is almost certain to re-elect the incumbent, Chun Doo-Hwan, candidate of the Democratic Justice Party (DJP). Election officials estimated that about 80 per cent of the 21 million electorate voted compared with 95.5 per cent in last October's referendum which approved President Chun's new constitution.

A smiling, waving Chun, accompanied by his wife and eldest son, was among the first voters at a polling station near the Blue House, the Korean presidential residence. Predictions were that the DJP with support of some independents, would take about 70 per cent of the seats.

The electoral college will meet Feb. 25 to pick a president for a seven-year term. South Korea's new constitution says the president will serve only one term. Chun was named interim president by a former electoral col-

lege last August.

Three other parties have entered presidential candidates, but they generally are considered token opposition. The country's old parties were dissolved when the new constitution was enacted, and new ones were allowed to form late last year. However, a government purge of more than 500 former opposition and dissident leaders still keeps them from political roles.

Chun and the three other presidential nominees made election-eve radio and television speeches for voter support. As he has previously, Chun emphasized the need for peaceful, constitutional changes of power and called for an end to the "bitter commotions and aimless wandering" of the past. He said he was running as Democratic Justice Party candidate because he needs the support of a leading political group to carry out the "historic task" of settling democracy in South Korea.

10 loyal Mugabe soldiers killed

BULAWAYO, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — At least 10 Zimbabwe national army soldiers loyal to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe died in faction fighting here Tuesday night when gun-battles between rival troops spread to their barracks on the outskirts of Bulawayo, military sources said Wednesday.

Hospital sources said 11 bodies had been recovered after the fighting in Bulawayo's Glenville barracks and military sources said 10 of these were known to be former ZANLA guerrillas loyal to the prime minister. A brittle truce was holding between the two factions, loyal to either Mugabe or his junior coalition partner Joshua Nkomo, after the fighting.

Travelers reported that the main highway through central Zimbabwe, where army factions fought Monday night and Tuesday, was still closed Wednesday indicating that tension was still high. Police said the main road to Victoria Falls leading past Glenville barracks which was sealed by roadblocks during Tuesday night's clashes had been reopened.

Easier to treat cancer in kids, says expert

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11 (AP) — Advances in treatment of the more virulent forms of cancer found in children are leading toward better treatment of cancer in adults, said researchers for the National Children's Cancer Study Group.

Dr. Arthur Ablin of the University of California at San Francisco said because anti-cancer drugs attack cancer cells while they are dividing, and cancer cells reproduce faster in children, the disease is more easily treated in young people. The drugs have more chances to "hit" the cells, rather than waiting, as they must in adults, for reproduction.

Ablin said researchers would make "steady, plodding progress" in the use of drugs and radiation to treat cancer, but he said a breakthrough that would lead to a cure was unlikely.

"I think the concept of a breakthrough is unfortunately an erroneous one," Ablin said. "No one is going to announce tomorrow that cancer is cured."

Three-train collision kills sixteen in India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Sixteen persons were killed and 37 injured in a three-train collision early Wednesday near Vaniyambadi, about 200 kms west of Madras in south India, reports said. Three were killed instantly and the others died in hospital.

The accident occurred when the Trivandrum Mail, the Yercaud Express and a freight train crashed into one another. The Yercaud Express smashed into the empty cargo train toppling several coaches onto parallel rail-road tracks. The speeding Trivandrum Mail then rammed the coaches which had fallen onto its path.

Calm prevails on Thai border

By Edward Thangarajah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Feb. 11 — The situation along the Thai-Lao border which saw fierce exchanges of gunfire during the last weekend was quiet from Tuesday and most of the 2,000 Thai families who were evacuated Saturday have returned home and are helping officials here to assess the damage done to person and property.

Both countries, however, are keeping troops posted at their respective border areas and, according to Thai army intelligence reports, along with two Laotian troops stationed on the Mekong River island of Don Sangkhi from where the shelling into Thai territory took place, there is also a Vietnamese battalion armed with tanks and heavy artillery.

Both countries exchanged protest notes Monday and accused each other of having caused tension. Thai supreme command spokesman Lt. Gen. Som Kathapan accused "a third hand" meaning Vietnam, for instigating the shooting, while Laotian embassy authorities here blamed the People's Republic of China for the rising tension and requested Thailand to punish the reactionaries involved in the attack.

Laos radio also demanded compensation from Thailand for the loss of lives and damage to property. The call reversed the situation when Bangkok demanded compensation from Laos last year after Lao troops fired at a Thai boat and killed a navy officer.

Rift widens in Kabul's ruling party

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11 (R) — Infighting between the two rival factions of Afghanistan's ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has intensified, according to Western diplomatic sources here, who said Wednesday that 250 members of the Khalq group were reported arrested in Kabul last week.

They also said that five Soviet soldiers had been killed when Russian troops became involved in trouble between the factions in Ghazni, south of Kabul. The sources quoted an Afghan army officer as reporting that those arrested between Feb. 2 and 4 included Zahir Payda, a former senior official of the ministry of higher education, and two defense ministry officials.

Factional squabbling has been reported for months between the largely rural-based Khalq (masses) section of the PDP and the Parcham (flag) group led by President Babrak Karmal.

The sources said 50 Khalq military officers had been discovered plotting to assassinate 11 top Parchamists, including the defense minister, Lt.-Col. Muhammad Rafie, and armed forces political commissar Tul Aga.

The sources did not say what action had been taken against the officers. Last month Col. Rafie denied that there was unrest in the Afghan army. Kabul radio quoted him as saying it was "united like a fist."

In their account of the trouble at Ghazni the diplomatic sources said Wednesday that early last week Khalq officers had protested that they had been ordered into the field against the rebels when Parchamist soldiers were told they need not go.

Ship sinks off Algiers; four die, 28 missing

ALGIERS, Feb. 11 (AP) — Algerian coast guard vessels, fishing boats and helicopters searched a wide area of the Mediterranean Wednesday for 28 missing crewmen of the Liberian-registered freighter *Faddy* which sank following a collision with the Greek freighter *Southern*. The Greek vessel was towed into Algiers harbor by an Algerian tug late Tuesday with serious damage but no casualties among the crew.

Coast guard officials said the two ships collided in thick fog 17 miles off the Algerian coast Tuesday morning. Rescuers picked up three survivors and four bodies of the *Faddy*'s 35-man crew.

Heathrow strikes voted

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AFP) — A series of one-day strikes at London's Heathrow airport starting Feb. 20 was voted Wednesday by British Airways grounds staff at a meeting attended by 9,000 employees. The strikes will be against a management plan to delay a pay award of eight per cent.

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